



Ann Doyle President/CEO

"Your partnership makes powerful learning experiences possible."
~unknown

Your Mid-Michigan Children's Museum never sits idly by. June seems to have flown by as a result. Here at the museum, we are thankful when it is hot out or wet weather. Those days the museum is bustling with children and it is such a pleasure to see the smiling happy faces. Keep the museum in mind when the weather is a bit too harsh for your child(ren) to be outside.

You may have seen the text/email about an award that the museum received on June 23rd. One of our partners, Goodwill Industries of Mid-Michigan, selected the museum as their Partner of the Year! What a surprise and we are so grateful for the recognition.

As the result of each of us having a team member involved with the Saginaw County Chamber of Commerce's YPN program, a partnership was created. Each summer, Goodwill has a summer program for high school students with barriers. The students volunteer at the museum to learn different job-related tasks that will help with their transition to being independent. The partnership has been a great success, and we look forward to many more summers of partnering together.

In 2024, a partnership was formed with Storm Master Exteriors of Freeland. It is the 'seed' of a different kind of partnership that we hope will grow with other companies/individuals. Each spring, Storm Master Exteriors sponsors a grade at the Freeland Learning Center for the students, their parent/guardian, and teachers to come to the museum. The admission is paid in full by Storm Master Exteriors, and a stipend of \$50 for up to two buses is also given. The goal is to have students and their parent/guardian spend time together learning and playing. We hope this new program will grow so that the schools in the Great Lakes Bay Region, and even beyond, will have at least one class level each year receiving the gift of a field trip to the museum.



If you want to partner with Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, please reach out to me with your idea. The smiles alone are reason enough

Have a great July!

Ann Doyle

Updated Dental Exhibit

Before

After



Diane Novak - Museum Experience Coordinator



This summer, when the weather is too hot or it's raining, the museum is a fantastic place to take your children. They can unleash their creativity while exploring the galleries. In the Scrap Studio, they can transform recyclable items into new creations. Additionally, they can make artwork to take home in the Art Mart gallery. If you plan to visit the museum frequently, consider checking out our Basic or Premium Membership options on [our website](#).

Jessie Teeter - Director of Exhibits and Education

With only two summer camps complete, there is still so much fun for your kid to have. We only have one camp full, so there are a lot of themes to choose from. Next week is sports-themed and will have a demonstration from Cosens Martial Arts for the kids. If you have any questions, please email me.



We are slowly making updates throughout a few galleries right now. Our Big Kids in the middle of the museum are in the process of getting redone. The Insides Out gallery is also getting some new items. Be sure to stop in and see what's new!



Summer Camps At Mid-Michigan Children's Museum!

Per week: \$90 for non-members, \$75 for members

For ages 6-10

Time: 9am-4pm

Camp: Museum Mixtape (Musico Lessons LLC)

Date: June 17-19

Description: Whether your kid likes to rock 'n roll, jive to jazz, or bop to pop music, the museum invites them to drop their own mixtape. They will be learning the basics of music through color keyboarding with Musico Lessons LLC. Get ready to beat to the rhythm of your own drum in this expressive camp.

Camp: Cirque de Musé

Date: June 24-26

Description: The circus is coming to the museum! In this camp, your kid will experience the fun and mischief that comes with a cirque. From tight rope walking to clowning around, kids will become a performer worthy of the circus.

Camp: Let's Get Physical

Date: July 8-10

Description: Learn about the science behind sports. We will practice some of the most popular sports played in Michigan including baseball, golf, and tennis. Sports enthusiasts might even get to meet some professional players!

Camp: Once Upon a Time (READ Assoc./ Hoyt Library)

Date: July 15-17

Description: Explore your favorite fairy tales as we go on a hunt for a glass slipper, build a huff and puff proof house, and even write and perform our own original fairy tales.

Per week: \$90 for non-members, \$75 for members

Time: 9am-4pm

Camp: Secret Agent Academy (Castle Museum of Saginaw County History)

Date: July 22-24

Description: Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to identify a sneaky criminal mastermind that has pulled off the caper of the summer! To complete your assignment, you will have to look for fingerprints, create disguises and send coded messages.

Camp: Up, Up, & Away Superhero Academy

Date: July 29-31

Description: Develop your superpowers, disguise your true identity, train your body to be fit to face villains, and test yourself with supercharged challenges.

Camp: Disaster Defenders

Dates: August 5-7

Description: Are you ready for disaster? Learn tracking and searching skills, practice your survival engineering abilities by learning to make a snare, camouflage yourself and be prepared for almost anything!

Camp: Into the Wild

Date: August 12-14

Description: Bring the great outdoors inside! Experience the thrill of being outside and seeing wild animals from the safety and comfort of the museum.

Click below to register for a field trip!

Field Trips

Click below to register for a Summer Camp!

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Whitney Watt - Volunteer Coordinator



Mid-Michigan Children's Museum volunteers come from different age groups, different backgrounds, and different abilities, but these talented people all have one thing in common – they believe in our mission! Whether working as a gallery volunteer and guiding our play experience or helping with an exhibit maintenance project, each volunteer helps our guests discover the world through creativity and exploration. Make some time in your schedule for fun! Join our team of volunteers and discover how rewarding giving back to our community's children can be. Your time as a volunteer is a valuable gift to MMCM!

Volunteers should be at least 14 years old or in the 9th grade. New volunteers must submit an application and background check authorization on our website.

If you are a current or returning volunteer, you do not need to submit a new application. Send me an email with your name and preferred date and time.

If you have any questions, please contact me [at \[volunteer@michildrensmuseum.org\]\(mailto:atvolunteer@michildrensmuseum.org\)](mailto:atvolunteer@michildrensmuseum.org) or 989-399-6626.

Click the buttons below to get registered.

Volunteer Applications:

[Individuals Apply Here](#)

[Groups Apply Here](#)

Emily Schmidt - Special Events Coordinator

Don't miss out on our Saturday Scrap Studio Kits! Each Saturday, we will have a new craft available to complete. These craft kits can be made at the museum in our Scrap Studio, or taken home to be done later. Scrap Studio Kits are included in admission into the museum. This month's Scrap Studio Kits include:

- Star Buddies
- Shell Buddies
- Porthole Suncatchers
- Bug Jars

We want your organization's semi-truck, heavy construction equipment, emergency vehicle, or any other vehicle that children may find interesting and exciting! Our annual Touch-A-Truck event is intended to allow children to experience vehicles from the driver's seat right in MMCM's parking lot. For more information, a presenter's form, or a sponsorship form, reach out to specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and monthly newsletters for more information regarding other exciting activities at this year's Touch-A-Truck event!



Dress Up, Cost Down Theme Weeks

Dress up according to our themes, each participant will earn \$1 off their admission! This doesn't count toward event days or summer camps.

[REDACTED]		July 22-26	Secret Agents
[REDACTED]		July 29-Aug 2	Cowboy/girl
[REDACTED]		August 5-9	Super Hero
[REDACTED]		August 12-16	Retro
July 1 - 5	Red, White, and Blue	August 19-23	Mismatched Clothes
July 8-12	Sports!	August 26-30	School Spirit
July 15-19	Fairy Tale		

Jeff McLellan - Marketing Director



Hey *|FIRST_NAME|*,

Work has commenced on our commemorative plaques for the big kids. As you visit in the coming weeks, you should notice some progress. They are coming along nicely, and soon you will have the opportunity to purchase a plaque to honor a loved one or celebrate a happy memory. Once both kids have their respective plates up, we will start selling them on our website. Keep an eye out for an update on those! We look forward to seeing all your lovely sentiments!

Kind of a short message from me in this newsletter. I hope you have a great month, though!

Thanks, as always, for reading through to the end!

This month's Anagram:
Folksy Hairdo Wire

How did you do with last month's anagram?

Last month's:
Choose Roomful Strums - School's out for Summer!

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