

Ann Doyle, CEO/ President



"Giving is not just about making a donation. It is about making a difference." ~ Kathy Calvin

Dear MMCM friends:

This last Thursday, June 25, 2026, Credit Unions Impact Saginaw held a very special event at the museum: Red, White & Boom, celebrating America's 250th birthday. The museum had a lot going on inside and outside, with over 600 visitors! Its partners, like Credit Unions Impact Saginaw, that make a difference in the community. Thank you, Credit Unions Impact Saginaw!

Jolt Credit Union partnered with MMCM to start a new project this summer that I hope continues for years to come. The museum started an "Adopt a Flower Bed" program with the beds and soil being purchased by Jolt Credit Union. Jolt did not even hesitate when I asked if they could help us out with the cost. Thank you, Bridget Stiffileno and Jolt, for making this program possible!

In May, I wrote about Cummins, Inc. sponsoring STEM Day this last spring through their STEM Education Initiative. While that day was a huge success, there was some money left over to offer a small grant toward the last three STEM Summer camp admissions. For anyone who has paid the fee of $90 in full, you will receive a refund of $25.00 after the camp is over. Contact Jessie for more information about these camps and how to sign up at playeducator@michildrensmuseum.org.

As you can see, we are very fortunate to have great partners in the Great Lakes Bay Region!

Sincerely,

Ann Doyle

Red, White, & BOOM was a huge success!!! Thanks to all the participating Credit Unions, Volunteers, Staff, Mascots, and vendors!













We are open on July 4th! 10a-5p



Diane Novak, Museum Experience Coordinator

At the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, we welcome visitors of all ages to come and play in our galleries. Adults need to be accompanied by children, and children need to be accompanied by adults. Whether you're a few months old or many years young, we want all guests to have a safe, fun, and memorable visit.

To ensure everyone's safety and enjoyment, we have a few important rules in place:

1. Please always wear shoes while inside the museum.
2. Use walking feet at all times.
3. Do not throw any objects.
4. Climb only on the stairs in the barn and on the rock climbing wall.
5. Always be aware of where everyone in your group is.

Food is not allowed in the gallery area; however, you are welcome to enjoy your lunch or snack in our pavilion or at the picnic tables by the front entrance.

Lastly, any craft items made in Scrap Studio or pictures painted in Art Mart may be taken home as souvenirs of your visit.

Thank you for joining us at the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum!



Jessie Teeter, Director of Exhibits and Education



Happy July! There is still time to sign up for summer camps if you have not done so yet. Some camps, like Lego and cooking, are filling up fast, but there is still room in most. During summer camp season we will be taking a break from Toddler Time and will restart it in September.

I have been working hard to make little updates in the museum. If you notice something, please let us know! We love feedback, both good and constructive. Feedback helps us make the museum a great place for all.

Summer Camps | 2026 Field Trips | 2027 Field Trips



Cummins READY™ is the Cummins company's global education strategy to advance high-quality, equitable STEM education for learners of all ages. Cummins READY™ has a goal to help at least one million learners and workers get on a pathway to education and career success by 2030.



Whitney Watt, Volunteer Coordinator

Any time is a great time to sign up as a volunteer! We welcome individuals of all ages, from as young as 14 to those who are a little more seasoned. We do recommend some ability to bend and stretch, though. From helping with summer camps to cleaning to joining us for events to providing a special talent, there's no shortage of opportunities!

If you would like to volunteer or bring your special talent to the museum, click the buttons below to sign up. Visit michildrensmuseum.org/volunteers/ to explore all the available shifts!

For more information, contact Whitney via email using the button below or by phone at (989) 399-6626.

E-mail Whitney | Volunteer | Volunteer Group | Special Talent

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Emily Schmidt, Special Events Coordinator





We Want You for Touch-A-Truck!

Touch-a-Truck will be held on Saturday, September 19th, from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm this year!

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 free! We are also looking for organizations to provide additional activities and crafts or hand out

goodies for kids for the day.

We are still in need of sponsors for this event as well! Sponsorships help us reduce admission inside the museum for the day, provide goodie bags and craft materials for visiting kiddos, provide live musical entertainment, provide lunch for our vehicle presenters and volunteers, and so much more! Without your sponsorship, events like this just aren't possible!

For more information, a presenter's form, or a sponsorship form, reach out to specialevents@michildrensmuseum.org or click the buttons below! Stay tuned to our Facebook page and monthly newsletters for more information regarding other exciting activities at this year's Touch-A-Truck event!

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Jeff McLellan, Marketing Director

Hello *{{First Name}}*,

Did you see that thermometer? Yikes, it's pretty toasty this week! While you're outside, remember summer is a season of scraped knees, muddy shoes, paint-covered hands, and endless questions. At the Mid-Michigan Children's Museum, we believe those moments aren't just play; they are learning! While you're playing (learning) outside (especially in this heat) remember, the sun is pretty cool for all it gives us, but some of its inconsiderate mega-danger rays are still able to sneak through all this atmosphere we have, so drink plenty of water and wear sunscreen! You won't regret it! Playing (learning) while being safe is still playing (learning); just safer!

Speaking of the sun, I have a mission for you (don't worry, this one is possible), should you choose to accept it!

The mission: Take two pictures: one of your family watching a sunset together, and one of a bug you find in the wild! Post them on your fave social media and then tag us! We are on Facebook, Insta, and TikTok @MMCMAdventures

Use the hashtag #MMCMPossible and see all the other families' sunsets and bugs!

Pro tip: These could both be done on the 4th while you wait for the fireworks! You'll also never regret being able to look back on fun memories!

And thanks, as always, for making it to the end of the newsletter.

For those of you who are new here, I like to include something fun and interactive at the end of the newsletter. This year, I'm doing word searches! The words can be horizontal, vertical, or diagonal, and they can appear forwards or backwards to make it a little more challenging. Clicking on the image should take you to a website where you can complete it digitally! Enjoy!

July 2026 @ MMCM

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1. July **2.** America **3.** Anniversary **4.** TwoFifty **5.** Fireworks **6.** Independence
7. Freedom **8.** Ruby **9.** Outdoors **10.** Travel **11.** Camping **12.** Barbeques
13. Campfire **14.** Smores **15.** Family

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