



FALL INTO FUN

Kearney Area Children's Museum
Fall Newsletter 2019

Quarter 3, 2019

Museum Hours

Monday – Closed for Cleaning

Tuesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Wednesday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Thursday – 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Friday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday – 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday – 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Admission Rates

Members – FREE

Children under 12 months – FREE

Children (1 yr – 13 yrs) – \$8.00

Adults (14 to 59) – \$7.00

Senior Citizens – (60+) \$6.00

Membership Rates

Family*-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month

Grandparents*-\$90 for one year | \$10 a month

Patron*-\$125 for one year | \$14 a month

Daycare*-\$102 for one year | \$11 a month

Day Care Center Plus-\$192 for one year | \$20 a month

Sharing and Caring Scholarship -\$12 for one year (Income Guidelines apply)

*Add Plus Two -\$12 more for one year | \$1 a month

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Traci Winscot, KACM Executive Director



Did you know the first three years of a child's life are crucial for brain development as the connections for lifelong skills, such as communication, relationship building, and self-control are built during this time? Their brains are producing more than a million neural connections EACH second! Thankfully you have the Kearney Area Children's Museum here to help! Our exhibits, programs, and special events are all geared to help this vital process by providing your child with engaging experiences through fun brain-building activities. Whether your child is interacting with new friends in our camps, recognizing the different colors of fruits and vegetables in our grocery exhibit, or learning to ride the toddler scooter, their brains are growing and developing rapidly! Come learn, play, and grow with us!

Bring a friend with you next time you visit the children's museum and share the benefits of how KACM is impacting your family.

Traci Winscot
Executive Director



COME
EXPLORE
WITH US!

Big Changes Coming Soon

We are always looking to enhance learning experiences which includes renovations to current exhibits. Currently, we are working hard to add some fresh changes to our grocery area which has included a fresh coat of paint and bright awnings. Yum!

We are also excited to be partnering with our local Fire Department and Kearney Police Department to bring dynamic changes to our Public Safety Exhibit. Our police car is currently at the shop getting work done and renovations have begun in the current exhibit space. Exciting things are happening!



Follow us on Instagram and Facebook to keep up to date on what we are up to!

@kacmuseum

@kearneykidzone



2019

Board of Directors

Emily Jameson, President
 Amy Kuchera, Vice President
 Jaylynn Graham, Past President
 Brooke Ward, Treasurer
 Kylee Fish, Secretary
 Jennifer Rowling, Member At Large
 Steve Cooke
 Korena Nolan
 Janell Brown
 Nicole Krantz
 Denise Davis
 Ayla Gregg
 Ashley Ott
 Ellie Schroeder
 Kayla Herrick
 Melissa Wells
 Janine Podany
 Tiffany Shuda
 Melissa Pandorf

Museum Leadership

Traci Winscot
 Jennifer Beck
 Radhika Thapaliya

Museum Part-Time Staff

Chloe, Joni, Nic, Ashley,
 Katerina, Morganne, Destiny,
 Taylor, Sarah, Emily, Paul

FÜN FACTS

- ♦ A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.
- ♦ A shrimp's heart is in its head.
- ♦ It is physically impossible for pigs to look up into the sky.
- ♦ You fart on average 14 times a day, and each fart travels from your body at 7 mph.
- ♦ Snails take the longest naps, some lasting as long as three years.
- ♦ Don't like mosquitos? Get a bat. They eat 3,000 insects a night.
- ♦ Some fish cough.

What have we been up to the past 3 months?



Fall into Fun at KACM

Wow! This year is going by so fast. Just a heads up, our Kids Night Out and other programs have been selling out fairly quickly. I highly encourage you to check out our website, Facebook, and weekly emails for information and registration options. Don't hesitate to reach out to us for questions or help with your registration.



Jennifer Beck

Director of Community Engagement



Meet the Intern!

Why is the museum vital to our community?

I have not been a part of the Kearney community long, but in my short time here, I can feel the support and love from the community on campus and while working at KACM. As an Elementary Education major, I understand the importance of our future and the vitality of children for a good future. A children's museum, especially KACM, provides a safe place for children to explore and discover interests through exhibits. The museum is an educational space that allows for creativity. Children can strengthen their skills at KACM providing a foundation to their success and the success of this community.

Why do you choose to work at the museum?

I understood through my initial interview the support KACM gave and received from the community. Upon my first walk through of the museum, I immediately felt a connection. I recognized the love in every corner and the genuine thought that was put into each exhibit. The staff at the museum are always wanting to improve the experience for the children and I am excited to be around that energy. I was truly inspired by the dedication of the board and the staff to generate a creative space for the community.

What is your advice for someone considering becoming a volunteer?

In order to provide the greatest experience to families, KACM hopes to continue to host events and camps to further the education for kids. Having volunteers help enables the staff to give their best to the kids. Volunteering supplies a person with connections and learning opportunities as well as chances to strengthen their skills for all areas. KACM is one of the best places to volunteer because it is a honest and fun place where you can be a part of developing the future of our community.

Sarah Waite



Sarah is a freshman at UNK and is majoring in Elementary Education.

Sarah not only enjoys working with children in educational settings but likes to incorporate her skills in marketing to expand her role at the museum.

Fun Fact - she loves to dance!

Our October Kids Night Out is sold out, but we still have tickets for our BOO!-seum and "Fright Nights" Exclusive Haunted House!

Looking ahead to November?

Register for our Kids Night Out & Couples Trivia Night

Tickets for all of these events can be found on our website at kearneychildrensmuseum.org




BOO!-SEUM

Attention little ghouls and goblins! Dress in your Halloween best and explore various spooky, silly, and educational activity stations! There will be two haunted houses- one for toddlers and one for older kids and adults (this one will be open Friday and Saturday also).

THURSDAY, OCT 24
5:30PM-8:00PM

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

JOIN US!

KEARNEY AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

FRIGHT NIGHT

EXCLUSIVE HAUNTED
HOUSE ACCESS

OCTOBER 25TH & 26TH | 7-9:30 PM

\$5-SINGLE OR \$20-GROUP OF 6

~ GREAT FOR TWEENS ~

Fun for ALL ages!



Get Crafty!

HALLOWEEN

MAKE & TAKE CLASS

THURSDAY, OCT 10



Littles

4:00-4:30 pm | \$5 | Ages 3-5



"Unicorn Witch Magnet"
"Silly Monster Mask"



Juniors

4:30-5:00 PM | \$10 | Ages 6-11



"Fluffy 3D Monster"
"Bat Necklace"



Membership Deals and Holiday Gift Ideas

Be a member today and get an unlimited pass to the museum for an entire year for your family. Added bonuses: receive a discount on our birthday party rates; enjoy member-only hours every month, discounts on camps & classes and a 10% discount on our gift shop items throughout the .

Did you know you could schedule your child's birthday party at the children's museum?

With more than 20 exhibits and a large party room, we will be your go-to destination for your kiddo's birthday party. Prices are \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members for All Day Play and \$300 for members and \$350 for non-members for After Hour option. Book your party today!

If you have not signed up for our membership yet or need to renew it, this is the right time. Please visit us at our website kearneychildrensmuseum.org for more information on membership and birthday parties.

Let KACM be your gift destination for Christmas-whether it is fun, education related materials from our gift shop or gift certificate for day pass or annual membership in the museum, we have it all. Come visit us TODAY!

Radhika Thapaliya
Operations Manager



Member Spotlight



Jayde & Shane Wohlgemuth
Lainey, Porter, Beau

How does the museum help your family?

It is one of our favorite stops in Kearney. We are out and about for activities often and for the kids that would otherwise be waiting its something to look forward to. And as a mom of active kids, we appreciate something fun to do indoors especially in the winter months.

Why is the museum vital to our community?

The museum is a wonderful place for children to learn and explore new things hands on that aren't always possible at school or at home. My kids love the "real life" police car, fire truck and ambulance and it's helped to open the discussion about how these all help to keep us safe.



What do children learn at the museum?

There is just such a variety of things that kids of all ages can do. My older kids are challenged in the STEM exhibits and can be creative in the art center while my younger ones have had great practice with social skills: sharing, taking turns, and making new friends just to name a few.



Who will be the Trivia Champions?

November 8, 2019

KIDS NIGHT OUT
&

COUPLES TRIVIA NIGHT

Sponsored by

Edward Jones[®]

WARD
Laboratories, Inc.

COUPLES TRIVIA NIGHT

What: Adult-only food, fun, & trivia!

When: Friday, Nov. 8 from 6:15 to 8:45 pm

Where: The Rustic Patch (2110 Central Ave)

Cost: \$40/couple includes hors d'oeuvres & BYOB

KIDS NIGHT OUT

What: Kid-only food, sports fun, and free-play

When: Friday, Nov. 8 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

Where: Kearney Area Children's Museum (5827 4th Ave.)

Cost: \$15 member child/\$20 non-member child

PACKAGE DEAL!

\$60 that includes a Couples

Trivia ticket & 2 children

admission to Kids Night Out

To process online in your final

shopping cart screen: use the

code MEM if you're a member,

NONM if you're a non-member



Drop your kids off at the children's museum for a night of activities while you head down to The Rustic Patch for conversations, food, and trivia fun! Don't wait to sign-up on our website as we have sold out each night and pre-registration is **REQUIRED!**

We love our community partnerships with Raising Canes and Holiday Inn!

**RAISE
MONEY FOR**



CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF FUN!
1989 2019
KEARNEY AREA
children's
museum

Show your membership
card when ordering, and
**15% of your purchase will
be donated to KACM.**



**2nd Ave. & W. 38th St.
Kearney | NE**

Must show valid Kearney Area Children's Museum membership
or wallet card at time of order. Valid 1/1-12/31/2019.



**Family visiting this
summer and you
booked a room at the
Holiday Inn?**

**Bring in your room key to
receive \$3 off your total
admission price!**

**Are you a Museum
Member?**

**When booking a room at
the Holiday Inn mention
the Kearney Area
Children's Museum and
get 10% off their best
available rate!**

**Thank you to all that have donated so far
for this campaign. We're at \$11,899!
Will you help us reach our \$30,000 goal?**



We are looking to the future to ensure the next generation of kids can play, learn, and grow at the Museum.

The Board of Directors is asking individuals to consider partnering with KACM in celebrating 30 years of fun by helping us reach a fundraising goal of \$30,000!



**Donate \$300 or more to
the museum and your
name will be on cloud-
like plaques throughout
our newest exhibit!**

**Check out more information on our website today!
You can donate online or by mailing in your payment
to KACM - 5827 4th Ave. - Kearney NE 68845!**



At camp, children will experience a full day of activities that incorporate STEM, Art, Music & Movement, Team Building Activities, and More!

\$20 Members, \$30 Non Members

Ages 4-10 | 8:00am-3:00pm

Children need to bring a sack lunch!

2019

~~SEPTEMBER 25, 26, 27~~

OCTOBER 18

NOVEMBER 13

DECEMBER 11

2020

JANUARY 20

FEBRUARY 12, 13, 14

MARCH 6

MARCH 23-27 (SPRING BREAK)

MAY 6

SUMMER CAMPS BEGIN MAY 22

Hi! It's Ms. Jenn here.
We're looking
forward to seeing you
at camp this year!



CONTACT US 308-698-2228 • KEARNEYCHILDRENSMUSEUM.ORG



October 2019

Programs & Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Mon: Closed Tues: 10-5 Wed: 10-5 Thurs: 10-8 Fri: 10-5 Sat: 10-5</p>	<p>1 National Homemade Cookies Day! What is your favorite kind?</p>	<p>2 Morning Mingle 9:00-10:00am Members can bring a guest this month</p>	<p>3 Morning Mingle 9:00-10:00am Members can bring a guest this month</p>	<p>4 Friday Activity Find the construction workers in Dobytown Junction.</p>	<p>5 Friday Activity Find the construction workers in Dobytown Junction.</p>	
<p>6 breathe.</p>	<p>7 Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!</p>	<p>8 National Touch Tag Day! Play this fun game with friends today!</p>	<p>9 Wacky Fact Wednesday</p>	<p>10 Make & Take Class ~Halloween Style~ 4pm-4:30pm \$5 - Ages 3-5 4:30-5:00pm \$10 - Ages 6-11</p>	<p>11 Friday Activity Dress up and put on a show in the theatre! Kids Night Out 6pm-8:30pm SOLD OUT!</p>	<p>12 </p>
<p>13 breathe.</p>	<p>14 Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!</p>	<p>15 National Handwashing Day! Soap removes the germs from your hands to keep you healthy!</p>	<p>16 Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>17 Free Family Fun Night 4:00-8:00pm Free Face Painting! Sponsored by Trius Federal Credit Union Simple. Secure. Smart.</p>	<p>18 Friday Activity Say hello to a staff member! No School Day Camp Ages 4-10, 8am-3pm \$20 M/ \$30 NM</p>	<p>19 </p>
<p>20 breathe.</p>	<p>21 Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!</p>	<p>22 National Color Day! What color do you like best?</p>	<p>23 Wacky Fact Wednesday!</p>	<p>24 BOO!seum 5:30pm-8pm \$5 - Non Member Adult \$10 - Non Member Child \$3 - Member Child \$6 - Member Adult \$0 - Member & Non Member 1yr and Under</p>	<p>25 Friday Activity Draw a Jack-o-Lantern! FRIGHT NIGHT Fun for ALL Ages (Great for Tweens!) 7pm-9:30pm \$5 - Single Tickets \$20 - Groups of 6</p>	<p>26 FRIGHT NIGHT Fun for ALL Ages (Great for Tweens!) 7pm-9:30pm \$5 - Single Tickets \$20 - Groups of 6</p>
<p>27 breathe.</p>	<p>28 Membership Monday Show your KACM membership card at Funtastic for \$6 admission today!</p>	<p>30 National Candy Corn Day! Look for this in your Trick or Treat basket!</p>	<p>31 </p>	<p>Don't forget! Show your membership card when you order at Raising Cane's and 15% proceeds will benefit the museum!</p>	<p>Booked a room at the Holiday Inn? Bring in your room key to receive \$3 off your total admission price! Are you a Museum Member? When booking a room at the Holiday Inn mention the Kearney Area Children's Museum and get 10% off their best available rate!</p>	<p> Holiday Inn</p>

308-698-2228

kearneychildrensmuseum.org