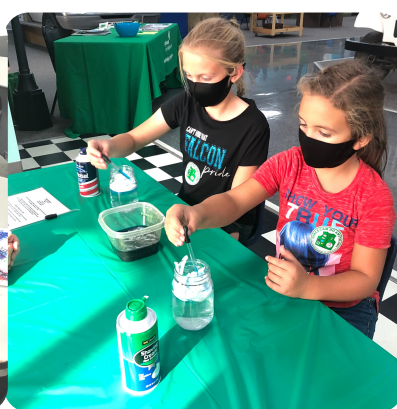




KACM CHRONICLE

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Traci Winscot, Executive Director

Spring is here!

A year ago, the museum's doors were closed to guests yet we stayed busy renovating spaces and providing fun activities for families to take home. And yet, some of that is still similar today! We are renovating our Ag exhibit (opening mid April 2021!) and providing EGG-stravaganza in a Bag to our guests that aren't comfortable yet attending public events.

We grateful that attendance has picked up and programs have been selling out. What a blessing it is to provide positive memories for families as they are exploring and interacting together. Thank you for your continued support of helping us inspire play, exploration, and discovery through interactive experiences.



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Glen Powell

Dobytown Junction Train Volunteer



Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

The opportunity for me to volunteer at the Kearney Area Children's Museum came up for me several years ago through the Kearney Dobytown Kiwanis Club's sponsorship of the Train Zone. Paul Braden was assuming responsibility for the Train Zone and asked for volunteers to assist with keeping the train tracks cleaned. I volunteered because **I remembered how much my now adult children enjoyed the Museum when they were growing up.** I appreciated the fact of its existence then and felt that volunteering to help with the trains was a great way to pay it back for today's children. I have continued to volunteer **because it is very rewarding to watch the enjoyment of the children watching the trains.** Especially rewarding are the looks of wonder and awe of the 1-3-year-old children peering at the trains running at the same level of their faces. **The looks on their faces is the greatest reward there is for me.**

What is your advice for someone considering volunteering at KACM?

The Museum has a wide variety of exhibits that will capture an area of interest for each volunteer. Thus, **there should be something that appeals to any volunteer's interest.** Each area needs some degree of being maintained. The Museum has a variety of activities for children during the day and special evening events that could be of potential interest for a volunteer. **My advice is to visit the Museum and learn about its features and activities and then visit with a staff member and inquire about the volunteer needs of the Museum.** There will generally be something that could appeal to a potential volunteer's interests and skills. Each member of the staff is easy to visit and work with.

Why is the museum vital to our community?

The Museum is a city and area treasure. It has valuable experiential learning and entertainment activities focusing on stimulating the imaginations of children. Children get to have hands-on activities in a wide variety of areas including construction, a grocery store, food production, a science area with a variety of hands-on activities, a police car, fire truck, ambulance and a mail truck. Children can play being a doctor, operate the trains and do arts and crafts or enjoy read-aloud-time. **It is the only place where a family can experience all of the exhibits or activities under one roof in the region.**

FULL "SPRING" AHEAD!

by Jennifer Beck

Director of Community Engagement

As we step into Spring we see new life all around us. Birds singing in the trees, bunnies hopping through our Outdoor Classroom, and children running through our doors excited to enjoy their days learning through play. At KACM we make it our mission to provide educational experiences for children and positive moments with their family and friends. We look forward to see you this summer! Have your children picked out their summer camps yet? Registration begins soon!



SUMMER CAMPS 2021

Registration Dates

April 5-11

KACM Member Registration ONLY.

Become a member and get discounted prices!

April 12

KACM camp registration open for everyone.



SUMMER CAMPS 2021

DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGES 4-10
CAMP: \$25 MEMBERS / \$40 NON MEMBERS
CAMP EXTENSION: \$10 MEMBERS / \$15 NON MEMBERS
CAMP: 8AM-3PM / EXTENSION: 3PM-5PM

Camps are designed to incorporate free play, teamwork, themed activities, and develop skills in art, math, science, reading, and positive social interactions with others. Children will need to bring a sack lunch. We provide snacks during the day. If your child has a food allergy feel free to provide snacks for them. Camp registrations are non-refundable.

MAY

- 21 - Kids Create! - Explore creativity and self-expression by learning how to use different supplies to create unique things.
- 25 - Mighty Acorns - Help us plant vegetables and fruit in our Outdoor Classroom and learn more about the great outdoors.
- *28 - Whisk It! - Get ready to make two recipes with Hy-Yee Dietician, Kaiti George, and create fun food inspired crafts.

*Price includes food and supplies to create recipes. Price \$30 Member, \$45 Non Member. Children will need to bring a sack lunch with a drink.

JUNE

- 1 - Comic Book Adventures - BAM! POW! Come prepared to write, draw, and act out your own unique comic book story.
- 4 - Build It Up! - Challenge your skills to create structures from various materials and learn to work together as a team.
- 8 - I Spy - Look high and low for clues, write secret messages, and help solve the Great Museum Mystery.
- 11 - Gears, Gadgets, and Goop - Explore the world of science, use of robots, build inventions, and make slime.
- 15 - Around the World - Explore the globe through activities about other cultures, weather, and our awesome planet.
- *18 - On the Farm - There is so much to learn in our own backyard! This camp includes a field trip. Location TBD.

*Price includes transportation to field trip destination and back to the Museum. Price \$30 Member, \$45 Non Member. Transportation by Adventure Bus and Charter. Children will need to bring a sack lunch with a drink. Mask required.

- 22 - Feel the Beat - It's time to move and groove as we explore music, movement, and self expression.
- 25 - Cranium Kids - Let's stay healthy by learning what our bodies need to run, jump, skip, and work hard every day.
- 29 - Imagine That! - Explore a world all it's own...your imagination! We can't wait to see what you come up with.

JULY

- 2 - Little Vet - Do you love animals? Let's learn more about our favorite furry friends and how to take care of them.
- 5 through 9 - Flip over this page and see the Explore Theater Camps available from Crane River Theater Company!
- 13 - Puzzle Palooza - All the pieces will fit together as we learn basic origami, play brain games, and have fun with puzzles.
- 16 - Camp Jurassic - We will stomp our way through the day as we discover many great things about our prehistoric pals.
- 20 - Milky Way Mysteries - Blast off into space as we search for shooting stars, galaxies, and solve a mystery on Mars.
- 23 - OlympiKids - With teamwork we will test our skills with unique sporting games. "Flyswatter Relay" anyone?
- 27 - Rainforest Quest - Be slow like a sloth, fly like a toucan, swing like a monkey! Don't forget a safari hat and binoculars.
- 30 - Opposite Day - Left hand, right hand, left foot, right foot...which do you use? Now, let's use the opposite!

AUGUST

- 6 - Fall Into Nature - Explore all the animals that live in the forest and learn what they do throughout their day.
- 9 - Aqua Adventures - Mermaids, pirates, and ocean life. Swimsuits, towels, and sunscreen are a MUST for the water fun!
- 10 - Under the Big Top - Lions, tigers, and trapeze artists flying through the air! Can you balance on the high wire?
- 11 - End of Summer Bash - What a great summer it has been! It's a day full of surprises. Pizza party, movie, popcorn too!

Children with food allergies are welcome to bring their own sack lunch.

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EXPLORE THEATER 2021

DESIGNED FOR CHILDREN AGES 4, 5, 6
\$20 PER CHILD | 9:00AM-12:00PM
SPECIAL PERFORMANCE FOR PARENTS AT 11:45AM
CAMPS ARE HELD AT THE KEARNEY AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Theater is an opportunity to explore, create and have fun. Kids of all ages can relate to the universal appeal of theater. It is for this reason that we bring to you a series of classes that explore the art of music, theater and performance. The intention is to have fun through imagination and play. All Classes are offered through Crane River Theater Company in association with the Kearney Area Children's Museum.



July 5

"PAW Patrol is on a roll!" Learn what it takes to be apart of this team of mighty pups. Marshall, Rubble, Chase, Rocky, Zuma, and Skye will lead our team in a fun and exciting day of PAW Patrol activities. Discover the benefits of teamwork and problem solving to become an official member of the PAW Patrol during this one-day journey! PAW Patrol Goodie Bag included.



July 6

Join Poppy and Branch as they set out to discover and learn about the troll tribes scattered throughout the world. With teamwork, song, and dance you will learn about the music that makes us all unique, just like our favorite troll friends. This interactive workshop, filled with troll-tastic games and activities, will show us how our differences make us stronger. Special Troll Goodie Bag included.



July 7

What does it take to be SUPER? Take on exciting missions and join our adventure to save the city from evil. In this thrilling one-day class, you will hone your powers through interactive games and activities. After this initial super training course, you will be ready to defend justice and fight for what's right. Superhero Goodie Bag included.



July 8 - Session 1

July 9 - Session 2

Spend the day with your favorite princesses and learn just what it takes to be royalty. How does a princess walk and talk? By the end of the day you will be able to rule your own kingdom along side Snow White, Cinderella, Anna and Elsa, and our other favorite princesses. Magical Princess Goodie Bag included.

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JOIN US WITH UNLIMITED ADMISSION

by Jessica Johnson, Operations Manager

A Membership is the best way to maximize savings at the Kearney Area Children's Museum. Our Members enjoy many benefits which include:

- Unlimited admission to the Museum for a full year
- Discounts in gift shop
- Discounts on programs and events
- Birthday Party specials
- Special Rates at Big Apple Fun Center and Holiday Inn

If you haven't signed up for a museum annual membership yet or need to renew it, this is the right time.

Are you ready to start saving?

Visit our [Membership Page](#) and select the membership that is a perfect fit for your family!

Needing financial assistance?

Look into our [Sharing & Caring Membership](#)!

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Visit us and browse our wide selection of Melissa & Doug toys.

Melissa and Doug brand prioritizes Hands-on Play and screen free time.



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MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



*Drs. Beth & Mike Oller
Lyla (8), Maya (4), Merrick
(4), & Noble (1)*

Stockton, KS

Our youngest, Noble visited the first time at one month old! The kids also took a picture covering up the S on Stroller Parking because it made it 'Oller Parking.'



Why is the museum vital to our community?

Life can get so busy that it can be difficult to find time to do things together as a family. **The museum gives families the opportunity to spend time together in an environment that is both fun and educational (something that is hard to find!).** We are so lucky to have such an amazing facility in our community.

What do children learn at the museum?

The museum gives children the opportunity to learn by doing, which is one of the most effective ways for them to learn. **The ability to fully immerse themselves in the exhibits through touch and play gives them the chance to choose what interests them the most.** It is wonderful to see how our children learn and enjoy from the exhibits changes as they grow so that we can continue to nurture those things that they like.

How does the museum help your daycare?

The museum provides a great opportunity for us to get away from town as a family. Dedicated family time can be hard to find, but **a trip to the museum is something that we all look forward to.**



HOW CAN I SUPPORT KACM DURING THIS TIME?

KACM has lots of fun activities happening! We truly appreciate your support during this uncertain time for all. We are grateful to have our doors open and our museum filled with family engagement!

You can also head to our [Donor](#) page and help in that way for a tax-deductible donation. We appreciate your generosity during this uncertain time!



LOOK AT ALL THE FUN WE'VE HAD!

We've been keeping busy and having tons of fun these past few months!



ANNUAL EVENTS

Glitter Gala

EGG-stravaga

Roadway Heroes

BOO!-seum

Treasure Chest- purchase tickets by April 4!

Storybook Walk

LEGO Competition

Breakfast with Santa



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

Morning Mingle - *Members Only*

First Wednesday of each month from 9:00-10:00am

Free Family Fun Nights

Third Thursday of each month from 4:00-8:00pm

with a special activity from 5:00-7:00pm

Kids Night Out at the Museum

Second Friday of each month from 6:00-8:30pm

Some run until 9pm if paired with Adult Trivia Nights

Follow us on Facebook for updates regarding Museum events or programs. KACM follows directive health measures and will continue to plan programs / events accordingly.



COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



Staying at the Holiday Inn?
Bring your room key and show at the front desk to get \$3 off your admission.

Are you a KACM Member?
Book a room at the Kearney Holiday Inn and receive 10% off their best available rate when you mention the Kearney Area Children's Museum!

Show your KACM membership card at the Big Apple ANY DAY for 50% off to Ballocity, Golf, and Minigolf and FREE rental shoes. No limit number of kids! You save 50% every time you show your card!

JOIN OUR MAILING LIST

JOIN NOW

Want weekly updates on what's happening at KACM?
Join our mailing list!

Visit kearneychildrensmuseum.org and scroll to the bottom of our page to find our "Join Now" option!



MUSEUM INFORMATION

HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday - Closed for Cleaning
 Tuesday - 10:00am-5:00pm
 Wednesday - 10:00am-5:00pm
 Thursday - 10:00am-8:00pm
 Friday - 10:00am-5:00pm
 Saturday - 10:00am-5:00pm
 Sunday - 1:00pm-5:00pm

All guests age 5 and up are required to wear a mask.

The Museum will be **CLOSED** on the following holidays
 Thanksgiving Day
 Christmas Eve
 Christmas Day

Contact us for questions about membership or to purchase one. Tax not included in above prices.

MEMBERSHIPS AVAILABLE

Family Membership: \$90	Grandparents Membership: \$90
Family Plus Two Membership: \$102	Grandparents Plus Two Membership: \$102
Patron Membership: \$125	Daycare Membership: \$102
Patron Plus Two Membership: \$137	Daycare Plus Two Membership: \$192

Sharing & Caring Membership: \$12
-qualifications required to apply for this membership

GIFT SHOP

Visit KACM to play, then stop by our gift shop on the way out to continue the play at home! There are exclusive deals for members and nonmembers. Come to our front desk and ask us what the deals are today!

ADMISSION PRICES

Children (12 months-12): \$8
 Adults (Age 13 and up): \$7
 Seniors: \$6
 Children under 12 months: \$0



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Celebrate your birthday with the Kearney Area Children's Museum! We have two different packages for you to choose from, with everything your child and guests need to have a great time. We offer All Day Play and After Hours Celebrations (And an exclusive offer from Raising Canes)! Contact KACM for more information!



Keep Growing!
 @ KACM

