

KEARNEY AREA  
children's  
museum

# KACM CHRONICLE

*Quarterly Newsletter - Issue 22*



## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

*by Traci Winscot, Executive Director*

### New Summer, NEW Offerings!

What a joy it is to be open this summer and see so many new guests visiting the museum. Summer travelers are taking full advantage and the museum attendance has reflected that. There are so many new things happening right now at the museum and we don't want you to miss out on them!

- KACM is part of the **Nebraska Passport Program**- get your stamp with us today!
- The new **Ag Exhibit** is now open- do you know how to milk a cow? Come visit our new cow, Milkshake!
- **Sun, Earth, Universe** traveling exhibit is being showcased in our Science Exhibit until December- how do storms on the Sun impact Earth?
- The beloved **Water Table** has been removed as we are in the process of bigger and better things for that space this fall!



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

*Addyson Jones*

Youth Volunteer Program



## Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

I enjoyed coming to the museum as a child, so when my parents encouraged me to find someplace to volunteer this summer the museum sounded like something I would enjoy. I like working with kids and have made some great friendships at the museum this summer.

## What is your advice for someone considering volunteering at KACM?

Get on the kids' level and try to see the museum from their perspective. Come back and visit if you haven't been here in a while, it has changed a lot!

## Why is the museum vital to our community?

It gives kids a chance to play and explore different careers while they're doing it.



## *Dollhouse Raffle*

PURCHASE YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY AND SUPPORT THE KEARNEY AREA CHILDREN'S MUSEUM.

### Raffle Ticket

**Prices**

**1 for \$5**

**5 for \$20**

Purchase on our website  
or at the museum anytime!

You do **not** need to be present to win.

Drawing will be held on  
Thursday, August 19 during  
our Free Family Fun Night!



Handcrafted and donated by a couple of  
our generous and creative members!

Wonderful craftsmanship!



Awesome details!

**WIN THIS  
DOLLHOUSE!  
PURCHASE YOUR  
TICKETS HERE!**



# SUNSHINE & SIDEWALK CHALK

by Jennifer Beck

Director of Community Engagement

Summer is flying by isn't it? We are grateful to have the Museum filled with lots of laughter, creativity, and learning. It's been rewarding to see families explore our exhibits and add positive experiences into their lives as they learn and grow together. In our programs we've visited a greenhouse, saw a crop duster plane up close, explored music and dance, enjoyed social morning yoga/stretching, visited Cottonmill Nature Barn, created our own dragon eggs, and visited with Kearney Police Department! What will you do on your next visit with us? The sky is the limit!



## 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-Vee 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. "Tlswatter 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!
- 11 - 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.

[REGISTER FOR PAW PATROL](#)



### 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.

[REGISTER FOR TROLL FOR A DAY](#)



### 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.

[REGISTER FOR SUPER MARIO FOR A DAY](#)



### 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.

[REGISTER FOR PRINCESS FOR A DAY - SESSION 1](#)

[REGISTER FOR PRINCESS FOR A DAY - SESSION 2](#)

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# JOIN US FOR SUMMER FUN!



# JOIN US AT KACM FOR A FULL YEAR OF FUN AND HANDS ON LEARNING!

by Jessica Camacho, 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!](#)

Jessica Camacho  
308.698.2228 Ext. 2

# ÚNETE A NOSOTROS EN KACM PARA UN AÑO COMPLETO DE DIVERSIÓN Y APRENDIZAJE PRÁCTICO.

por Jessica Camacho, Manager de Operaciones

Una membresía es la mejor manera de maximizar los ahorros en el museo. Nuestros miembros disfrutan de muchos beneficios que incluyen:

- Entrada ilimitada al Museo durante todo un año
- Descuentos en la tienda de regalos
- Descuentos en programas y eventos
- Ofertas para fiestas de cumpleaños
- Tarifas especiales en el Big Apple Fun Center y en el Holiday Inn

Si aún no se ha hecho socio anual del museo o necesitas renovar tu membresía, este es el momento adecuado.

## ¿Está listo para empezar a ahorrar?

Visite nuestra página de [Membresías](#) y seleccione la membresía que mejor se adapte a su familia.

## ¿Necesita ayuda financiera?

Consulte nuestra membresía [Beca para Compartir y Cuidar](#)

Jessica Camacho  
308.698.2228 Ext. 2

I'm bilingual!



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS & MUSEUM STAFF

### 2021 Board of Directors

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## Museum Leadership

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Executive Director

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Director of Community  
Engagement

Jessica Camacho  
Operations Manager

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Maleah  
Loanne  
Megan  
Addison  
Rebekah  
Paul





# MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Monique and Garrett Pohlman*  
*Dean (6) and Calum (4)*



## Why is the museum vital to our community?

The children's museum is a safe place for children to learn and explore through hands-on exhibits and activities. The entire museum and staff is designed and dedicated to cater to the development of children.

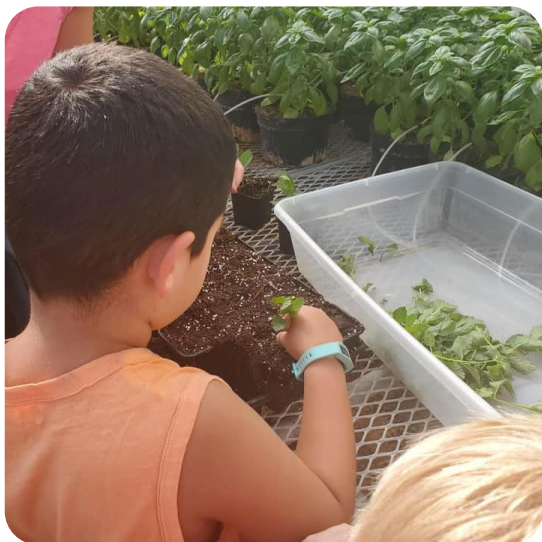
## What do children learn at the museum?

The children's museum promotes imagination, critical thinking, and creativity through their ever changing participatory exhibits. At the Kearney Area Children's Museum these exhibits are continuously updated so every kid has a space to explore and learn.

## How does the museum help your family?

The special events and day programs that the museum provides are a great resource for families. The staff is very caring and trustworthy and go over and above to make every kid feel special and cared for.

Dean and Calum planting mint while on our "On the Farm" camp field trip to Sprout House!





# A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2021 AG EXHIBIT SPONSORS

Midwest Dairy  
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 Arthur Klinkacek Community Enrichment Fund  
 Bayer Fund  
 Kearney Dawn Rotary Club  
 Pioneer Hi-Bred International  
 Kearney Area Community Foundation  
 Nebraska Farm Bureau Foundation  
 Farm Credit Services of America  
 Susan Bigg



## LOOK AT ALL THE FUN WE'VE HAD!

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





# PAST QUARTER OF KACM EVENTS

**Thank you for helping raise \$22,135 for the museum!**



WE'RE THIS  
EXCITED TOO!

## APRIL

April 10- 14th Annual Treasure Chest  
April 26- Ag Exhibit Ribbon Cutting

May 7- Couples Trivia Night

## MAY

June 15- Sun, Earth, Universe Traveling Exhibition  
June 17- Playhouse Raffle Winner

## JUNE



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**CHECK OUT OUR NEW  
TRAVELING EXHIBIT  
HERE UNTIL DECEMBER 2021**

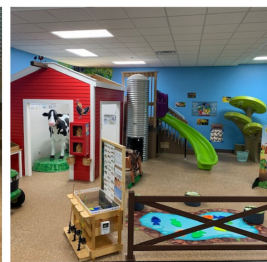
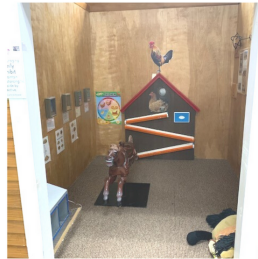
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UNIVERSE  
SOL TIERRA  
UNIVERSO**

An engaging and interactive museum  
exhibition about Earth and space science  
for family audiences.



**NISE**  
NATIONAL INFORMAL  
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NETWORK

**Before & After of  
Agriculture Exhibit**



**CINCO DE MAYO**

Trivia Night & Kids Night Out

Sponsored by

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**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING OUR  
MAY COUPLES TRIVIA NIGHT!**

**YOU HELPED THE  
MUSEUM RAISE  
\$2,390 IN NET  
PROFIT!**



**PLAYHOUSE RAFFLE 2021**

*Thank you for helping support the  
Kearney Area Children's Museum.*

**Congratulations to our  
2021 Playhouse winner**

**Jennifer  
Harris!**



Thank you to Kearney Noon Kiwanis for donating  
and building the playhouse!

## UPCOMING ANNUAL EVENTS

Roadway Heroes - August 14, 9:30-11:30 am at Buffalo Co. Fairgrounds

LEGO Competition - September 24, 6:00 pm

BOO!-seum - October 28, 5:30-8:00 pm

Breakfast with Santa - December 4, 8:00-11:00 am at Buffalo Co. Fairgrounds



## 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.*



## 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 Pass

- ✓ 50% Off Ballocity
- ✓ 50% Off Miniature Golf
- ✓ 50% Off Games of Bowling
- ✓ FREE Rental Shoes

Discount Good Any Day - Any Time

All health guidelines must be followed including occupancy set by the Big Apple including socks must be worn at all times. No Outside Food or Beverages allowed at any time.

SHOW YOUR VALID KACM MEMBERSHIP PASS FOR DISCOUNT

We are OPEN and CLEAN 308-234-4545

Facility is OPEN daily at 10 AM. Close is Midnight on Sunday and 1 AM the other days!

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

Visit [kearneychildrensmuseum.org](http://kearneychildrensmuseum.org) and scroll to the bottom of our page to find our "Join Now" option!

JOIN NOW

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!



# 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

The Museum will be **CLOSED** on the following holidays:

- Easter Sunday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Eve
- Christmas Day

## ADMISSION PRICES

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



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

## 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!

## 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!** Contact KACM for more information.

