

KEARNEY AREA
children's
museum

KACM CHRONICLE

Quarterly Newsletter - Issue 23



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

by Traci Winscot, Executive Director

Fall is in the air and it feels so refreshing!

We had a record-busy summer with travelers and members visiting the museum. Being part of the Nebraska Passport Program has been a blessing as over 1,000 people entered our doors with that program.

KACM also held their first golf tournament and it sold out six weeks before the event! So much fun seeing the adults with their kids or grandkids hitting the links and creating special memories. We recently just opened our new Water Education Exhibit- a three year process of fundraising and exhibit design. We have another big exhibit renovation happening this fall - making it **THREE** exhibit transformations in 2021! These exhibit transformations wouldn't be possible without the support (monetarily and in-kind) from our amazing community!

THANK YOU!





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

*Tara & Mike Bowman
Emma (8), Hannah (5),
Luke (4)*



Why do you choose to volunteer at the museum?

I choose to volunteer at the museum because it has been a constant source of happiness, and an outlet for extra energy, for my family. Beginning when I was a child visiting the original Children's Museum, to joining the board in 2021 and bringing my own children to the current museum.

What is your advice for someone considering volunteering at KACM?

My advice to someone considering volunteering is to lean into one of your talents. If you are creative, apply to join the board and help brainstorm ideas for new exhibits and events. If you love to help children learn, volunteer to help with one of our many camps or events. If you'd like to help, but can't physically help us, donate to one of our great renovations or fundraisers.

Why is the museum vital to our community?

KACM is vital to the community of Kearney because it provides a safe, educational place for families to let their children play freely. Parents and children can learn about virtually anything, with hands on play, and active learning. Also, the event the museum sponsors for the community are so fun and engaging, a vital outlet for families during these uncertain times over the last year and a half.



Paw-sitive Partners VET EXHIBIT FUN-RAISER

Calling all kiddos that love their pets- birds, dogs, cats, chickens or whatever type of animal that you adore!

Help us make a paw-sitive impact in our Vet Exhibit by purchasing a mini-photo sitting (5 minutes max) with Tara Jean Photography! Participants will have their photo displayed in our Vet Exhibit plus receive two digital images.



**Saturday, October 9
at Harmon Park**
(Just south of the tennis courts)

10:30am-11:00am
11:00am-11:30am
11:30am-12:00pm
12:00pm-12:30pm

Limited spots
available for
each time



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Only \$25!
Have your photo displayed in
the KACM Vet Exhibit
for the life of the exhibit
plus receive 2 digital images

Register at kearneychildrensmuseum.org | 308-698-2228

PARTAKE IN THIS EXCLUSIVE FUN-RAISER!

WELCOME FALL!

by Jennifer Beck
Director of Community Engagement

This year we were blessed to make a big impact as we had 987 attendees in our Summer Camps! It was fun to create camps that were unique as we incorporated different themes for the children to choose from. Now, as school is in full swing, we are still offering No School Camps that follow KPS days off.



If your child has yet to experience one of our programs then I'd like to extend a invite! Our No School Camps and Kids Night Out events are a great way to get your child connected to KACM.



FALL INTO FUN AND GREAT DEALS

BIRTHDAY PARTY TIME

by Jessica Camacho, Operations Manager

Fall is here, that means cooler weather is on it's way.

Are you looking for a warm, cozy place that has tons of fun activities for children during a birthday party? If so, Kearney Area Children's Museum will be a perfect spot for you. With more than 20 exhibits and a large party room we will be your go-to destination for your kiddos 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 Hours option](#). [Book your party today!](#)



FIESTA DE CUMPLEAÑOS

por Jessica Camacho, Manager de Operaciones

El otoño está aquí, eso significa que se acerca un clima más fresco.

¿Está buscando un lugar cálido y cómodo que tenga muchas actividades divertidas para los niños durante una fiesta de cumpleaños? Si es así, Kearney Area Children's Museum será el lugar perfecto para ti.

Con más de 20 exhibiciones y una gran sala de fiestas, seremos su destino favorito para la fiesta de cumpleaños de sus hijos.

Los precios son \$ 100 para miembros y \$ 125 para no- miembros para [All Day Play](#) y \$ 300 para miembros y \$ 350 para no miembros para la opción [After Hours](#). [¡Reserva tu fiesta hoy!](#)

Jessica Camacho
308.698.2228 Ext. 2



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NEWEST EXHIBIT REMODEL

The Water Education Exhibit highlights how the Rocky Mountains supply water to our state and community through the Kingsley Dam, Platte River, and other water channels in Nebraska and also includes a new floor and wall-to-wall mural.

This new exhibit opened on August 31st after 3 years of fundraising.



BEFORE



AFTER



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

*Sara & Adam Axtell
Reese (8), Cole (6),
Steele (3), Hattie (5 months)*



Why is the museum vital to our community?

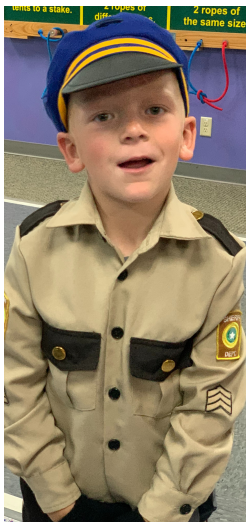
Kearney is such a wonderful place to live! We have amazing parks & pools, but we rely on the Children's Museum to get us through the winter months. We also love the outdoor learning area and have enjoyed many picnics during nice weather months.

What do children learn at the museum?

My children explode with imagination at the museum. They get to practice their social skills while making new friends to play with. Each station lends to vocabulary growth and caters to the kids' interests!

How does the museum help your family?

We enjoy coming to the museum to be unplugged. It helps me step away from my daily house chores or to-do list and allows me to focus my attention on creative play with my kids.



A SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR 2021 WATER EXHIBIT SPONSORS

Anonymous,
 Ron & Carol Cope Foundation,
 Peter Kiewit Foundation,
 Reinke Manufacturing Co., Inc.,
 COVID-19 Community Betterment Grant,
 2018 Give Where You Live Donations,
 Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation
 District, Parker Hannifin Foundation,
 Pinnacle Bank, City of Kearney Lottery Trust
 Fund, Farm Credit Services, First National
 Bank (FNBO), Jason & Tiffany Shuda,
 Heartland Surgery Center, BD Construction,
 Buzz's Marine, & Eaton Corporation



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 SPECIAL EVENTS

JULY

PLAY. LEARN. PUTT.

KACM GOLF TOURNAMENT

JULY 16, 2021



TEAMS Sign up either as a team of:
-2 adults
-1 adult & 1 child (13 yrs & younger)

LOCATION Elks Country Golf
2635 E 103rd St
Kearney, NE 68847

TIME Shotgun at 10:00 AM
9 hole tournament

PRICE \$60* team of 2
*includes a sack lunch
*cart fee not included

FLAG PRIZES FOOD FAMILY FUN

BONUS!

At event check-in,
purchase 2 team
mulligans for \$20!

Title Sponsor



EVENT SOLD OUT WITH 19 TEAMS!

SEPTEMBER



LEGO HOME BUILDING COMPETITION

REGISTER AND BUILD
TODAY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 24

It's time to gather your LEGO bricks and get creative!
You can build to your hearts content in the comfort of your own home
or business and use your own LEGO supplies.

This is a fun event for ALL ages plus a great opportunity for team
building while supporting the Kearney Area Children's Museum!

Builder Groups & Entry Fee
Individuals
Age 4-7, 8-12, Teens & Adults
\$10 Member, \$15 Non Member

Businesses
Any business or organization - \$25 flat rate

Prizes Include
\$25 Target Gift Cards for the Winner
in each Age Group
&
\$50 Calico Coffee Gift Card
for the Winner in the
Business / Organization Category

Facebook
voting
will
determine
the
winners.

Each builder will get a handy bucket
and apron from Builder's Warehouse.

REGISTER TODAY!
KEARNEYCHILDRENSMUSEUM.ORG OR CALL 308-698-2228

SPONSORED BY



2020 Winner - Age 4-7



2020 Winner - Age 8-12



2020 Winner - Business

AUGUST



ROADWAY HEROES



DAY-OF INFO

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14TH FROM 9:30-11:30AM
BUFFALO COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS



Vehicles are welcome to park the evening before the event at the fairgrounds. Otherwise, we need all vehicles to arrive and be in their space by 9:00am on Saturday. This will help us get prepared before any families arrive. There will be an ice cream truck on-site that will be selling coffee, iced lattes, root beer floats, and ice cream. Bathrooms are located inside the Exhibit Building.



How to Participate: for some of you this is a new event, welcome! At this event, children will be encouraged to explore each vehicle by sitting in the cab, looking at gear or tools for your trade, and of course meeting you as their community helper. You are welcome to also give away swag items or candy. If you have a special activity planned (*not required*) please let me know so I can share it! We have seen a little under 400 people participate with an average of 250 kids.



If you need to
contact us the
morning of the
event:
308-240-0509



★ Check In Available Parking Restrooms

ACTIVITIES ALREADY BEING PLANNED

Soccer Ball Waterfall
at 10:30



Slow Down, Move Over
Tow trucks help in many situations that put them near lots of traffic. Learn how to help keep tow truck drivers safe!



Name a Pet Rock
Come see some awesome rocks! Pick one, give it a name and take it home!



Ice Cream Truck
Roll on over and grab some coffee or a treat to keep your morning going!



460 ATTENDEES!

29 PARTICIPANTS!

UPCOMING ANNUAL EVENTS

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



Give Where You Live - December 2



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

15th Annual Treasure Chest - Casino Night - February 12, 2022



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

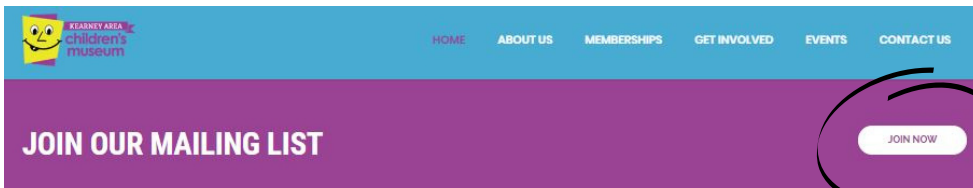
with a special activity from 5:00-7:00pm

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

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Facebook for
updates
regarding
Museum events
or programs.*



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

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

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 Keaney
Holiday Inn and receive 10% off
their best available rate when you
mention the Keaney Area
Children's Museum!

Big Apple Fun Center

Show Your KACM Membership Pass

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

SHOW YOUR VALID KACM MEMBERSHIP PASS FOR DISCOUNT

Discount Good Any Day - Any Time

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

We are OPEN and CLEAN 308-234-4545

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

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



ENJOY OUTSIDE PLAY!

WHAT WILL YOU
BUILD IN OUR
SAND BOX?

MEMBERSHIP PRICES

Family Membership: \$90

Family Plus Two Membership: \$102

Patron Membership: \$125

Patron Plus Two Membership: \$137

Grandparents Membership: \$90

Grandparents Plus Two Membership: \$102

Daycare Membership: \$102

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.



Keep
 Growing!
 @ KACM

