



March/April 2011

Upcoming Activities

March 5

Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash

March 12

Women's History
closed at 2:00 pm

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en's History
(Museum
for Private
Event)

March 19

Spring Equinox and
Hungry Caterpillar Day

March 26

Science Fiction Weekend

April 2

Ocean Day

April 4-8

Spring Break Camp
Jurassic Adventures

(Extended Weekday Hours 9am-5pm)

April 9

Arbor Day

April 16

Earth Day

April 18-22

Spring Break Camp
Jurassic Adventures

(Extended Weekday Hours 9am-5pm)

April 23

Golden Easter Egg Hunt

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April 30

Mother/Daughter Afternoon Tea
and
Historical Fashion Show

Moth-

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Museum Hours

Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday and Monday

Detroit Children's Museum Heads UP NORTH

New Mezzanine Exhibit Opening March 29

Packed with a thick forest of trees, native animals and the familiar sounds of nature, the Detroit Children's Museum's new exhibit, **UP NORTH**, aims to enhance every visitor's appreciation for the Great Lakes State.

Located in the refurbished open air mezzanine, UP NORTH is a welcome addition that greatly expands the size of the museum's exhibit space. Hands-on activities, scenic views and a variety of educational opportunities make UP NORTH a spot the whole family will enjoy.



Observant UP NORTH visitors will spot bear, moose, and many other creatures as they stroll through the forest surrounding Uncle Steve's Cabin. Peering into the campsite's tent offers visitors a unique look at a great Michigan outdoor tradition. The diverse display of historical artifacts recounts the story behind our 26th state.

Enhance Exhibits With Your Smartphone

Gettysburg Address

Abraham Lincoln's 1863 dedication of the Soldier's National Cemetery has endured as one of the best-known speeches in United States history.

Scan Here



Listen to Lincoln's iconic-phrasing as he does his best to ensure that the "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."



Need assistance?
Ask our helpful staff.

With the introduction of several new interactive exhibit signs, the nation's third-oldest children's museum has taken another big step into the digital age.

The recently added signs feature Quick Response (QR) codes that, when scanned with a smartphone, unlock multimedia content, enhancing the traditional exhibits. Detroit Children's Museum visitors who have smartphones are encouraged to scan QR codes throughout the museum to see what surprises they can unlock.

Want to practice scanning codes before you visit the museum? Download a free QR app and scan the QR code to the left to find directions to the DCM.



Above:
DCM's new QR
exhibit signs

Left:
Practice QR
code



New Exhibit 'Salty Corner' Inspired By Sea Life Donation

It's not every day you come eye to eye with a 12-foot shark! Thanks to a generous donation from the Williams Family, the Detroit Children's Museum has opened a new sea life exhibit featuring a fantastic collection of mounted fish.

Salty Corner, located near the planetarium, encourages museum visitors to discover the diverse range of fish inhabiting our oceans. In addition to getting an up-close look at these sea-dwelling creatures, visitors can learn about each fish's diet, size and other fun facts.



Two Opportunities For Spring Break Science Camp

One thing has been proven time and time again: Kids love dinosaurs. Treat your child to the Spring Break camp they'll never forget: **Jurassic Adventures**.

Being held both April 4-8 and April 18-22 at the Detroit Science Center, Jurassic Adventures gives junior paleontologists the opportunity to explore the fascinating world of ancient dinosaurs and geology. As a unique bonus, campers will enjoy exploring the largest dinosaur exhibit ever to appear in Detroit: *Dinosaurs Unearthed*.

Reserve your camper's Spring Break spot today by calling 313-577-8400, Option 5.

Did You Know: Silverbolt, located outside of the Detroit Children's Museum, is sculpted from chrome-plated steel bumpers and weighs 900 pounds!

Don't Let These Roaches Bug You

They crawl. They squirm. They even hiss. But don't let the residents of our cockroach exhibit creep you out.

Kept behind glass, the nearly 500 Madagascar hissing cockroaches can easily be observed as they go about their daily routines. Lucky visitors have seen some of the cockroaches molting, leaving their discarded exoskeleton behind. Others have had the chance to witness the live birth of nymph cockroaches. The next time you are at the museum, make sure you stop by to see what these little creatures are up to.



Above: Madagascar Hissing Cockroach

Hungry Caterpillar Day Saturday, March 19



Special Workshop (only \$2 extra):
Create cute grass caterpillars!
Save your spot! Call 313-873-8100

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