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Get the latest news and event announcements from the Children's Museum right to your computer!

The Children's Museum of La Crosse spends *over \$4,000 each year* printing and mailing newsletters, and costs are rising! This money could be used toward a new exhibit or for more free admissions for families in-need. Therefore, **this will be the last newsletter to be mailed.**

To continue to get the latest information about Children's Museum happenings:

1. Go to [funmuseum.org](http://funmuseum.org), click on Sign up for Email News and enter your information  
**OR**
2. Stop in or call the Museum and provide us with your email address.

If you don't have email or prefer not to receive messages from us, you can always pick up a printed copy of the newsletter when you visit the Children's Museum.

*We will not sell or give e-mail addresses to other parties.*

**REMEMBER...you can always see and print upcoming Museum events and more at our new website [www.funmuseum.org](http://www.funmuseum.org). Thank you, Webteam!**

**Camp Curiosity  
2008**

Summer day camps  
for kids aged 4-12



Sign up for e-mail news, via Steps #1 or #2 above, between now and April 30 and you'll get a **refrigerator magnet frame** set (to be picked up at the Museum) PLUS we'll enter your name in a drawing for a **\$100 gift certificate** for the Museum's "Ta-Da!" gift shop!

*If you provided us with your email address before and that address is still current, you get a magnet set and entrance in the drawing too—THANKS!*

## Spring Fling Drop & Shop

**Friday, April 18, 5:30-8:00 pm**

Many downtown La Crosse stores and businesses will stay open late this evening. Bring your kids to the Children's Museum for supervised fun and learning led by UWL and Aquinas volunteers...and you can shop or dine in peace. The kids will keep busy exploring the Museum and participating in special activities about health and safety. For ages 3-12.

**\$7 per child. Pre-registration & pre-payment requested.**

See inside or go to [funmuseum.org](http://funmuseum.org) and click on this logo for the Camp Curiosity brochure and registration form.



# Don't miss all this Extra-Special FUN!!

If registration is required, call (608) 784-2652 (some programs require pre-payment with registration)

## Regular Offerings:

The following sessions will be not be held if there is a special event at the same time.

- ★ **MOM'S (& DAD'S) MORNING OUT** for 3 & 4 year olds. Bring your preschooler to the Museum to learn and play while you do your errands. Wednesdays, 9:30-11:30 (*use rear door for drop-off, come to 3rd floor for pick-up*). 6-week session: April 16 to May 21. \$40 members/\$60 non-members. Pre-registration & pre-payment required. Min. 3/Max. 10 children per session.
- ★ **LITTLE LEARNERS A-B-C CLUB** for ages 2-5 with adult, 10:30-11:15 am on **Thursdays**. Join us for hands-on learning fun: stories, crafts, games and more. Only \$1 per child + Museum admission. Pre-registration requested. Max. 15 children per session.

The Children's Museum's early childhood programming is supported by



## More Regular Offerings:

- ★ **NEW! TALES FOR TOTS STORY TIME** for all ages. Tuesdays at 10:30 am and **Fridays & Saturdays** at 1:30 pm. Listen for the PA announcement, then join in the parade to the story time place for a 10-minute session. FREE with Museum admission.
- ★ **NEW! CREATION STATION** for all ages. Every Saturday 10:30-11:30 am and 2:00-3:00 pm and every Sunday 1:00-3:00 pm. Create a special project to display in the Museum or take home. Different theme each week. FREE with Museum admission.
- ★ **SAVE-ON-SUNDAYS** \$1.00 off admission EVERY Sunday, Noon to 5 pm!
- ★ **BOOK SWAP**. On the first Sunday of each month, bring a gently-used, clean, children's book from home and swap it for a different book from the Museum's collection. Keep it or bring it back another month and swap again!



## Special Events:

- ★ **Sunday, March 30 Book Fair at Barnes & Noble**. Meet Miss La Crosse Oktoberfest Mandy Nogle. Please mention the Children's Museum when you make your purchase, and Barnes & Noble will donate a percentage to the Museum!
- ★ **Saturday, April 5 Meet Pet Therapy Dogs**, 10-11 am *Plus...Meet Cordoroy the Bear* (costumed staffer). 11:00 am and 2:00 pm appearances. Thank you, Barnes & Noble, for the use of the costume! Both free with admission.
- ★ **Saturday, April 5 Scout Saturday** for Brownie & Junior Girl Scouts. Noon-5:00 pm. Earn a badge as you enjoy dance themed activities, Museum exploration and a snack. \$12/scout (1 adult per 5 girls required and free). Pre-reg. and pre-pay. required. Min. 50/Max. 100.
- ★ **Friday, April 11 Girl Scout Overnight**, 6:00 pm Fri. to 9:00 am Saturday. Historical Hollywood Who-Done-It theme. Earn 2 badges, climb the wall, explore the Museum, make take-home projects, have an evening snack and light breakfast and more! \$26 per scout (1 adult per 5 scouts required and free). Pre-registration and pre-payment required. Min. 50/Max. 125.
- ★ **Sunday, April 13 FREE ADMISSION**, Noon to 5 pm. Sponsored by the Coulee Region Child Abuse Prevention Task Force for National Child Abuse Prevention Month.
- ★ **Friday, April 18 Spring Fling Drop & Shop**, 5:30-8 pm. Many downtown La Crosse stores and businesses will stay open late this evening. Bring your 3-12 year olds to the Children's Museum for supervised fun and learning led by UWL and Aquinas volunteers...and you can shop or dine in peace. \$7 per child. Pre-registration & pre-payment requested, but not required.
- ★ **Saturday, April 19 Meet Pet Therapy Dogs**, 10-11 am. *PLUS...Dance show* by Marilyn's School of Dance, 1:00-1:30 pm. Free with Museum admission.
- ★ **Saturday, April 26 Celebrate National Dance Week**. Meet a real ballerina, tap dancer, jazz dancer and hip hop dancer at 11:00 and join in a class from Amanda's Academy of Dance at 11:30. FREE with Museum admission.
- ★ **Saturday, May 3 Meet Pet Therapy Dogs**, 10-11 am. *PLUS...Crazy Hair Day* 11 am-3 pm (Museum open 10-5). Enjoy readings of the Crazy Hair Day book and register to win your own copy, get your own crazy hairdo, join in some crazy games & activities. FREE with Museum admission. No pre-registration necessary.
- ★ **Sunday, May 11 Happy Mother's Day!** FREE admission for all mothers! Open Noon-5 pm.
- ★ **Saturday, May 17 Meet Pet Therapy Dogs**, 10-11 am. Free with Museum admission.

See next page or [funmuseum.org](http://funmuseum.org) for Camp Curiosity Summer Day Camps

## CAMP CURIOSITY SUMMER DAY CAMPS

To register, use brochure form (get from Museum or print from [funmuseum.org](http://funmuseum.org)) or call 608-784-2652.  
\$5.00 per camp discount if paid before May 15

### Half-Day Camps for Ages 4-6

Each three-morning camp is \$50 for Museum members / \$60 for non-members  
(includes T-shirt and snack) \*Add **Lunch Bunch** for only \$5 more

#### I Dig Dinos

June 16, 17 & 18 8:30 to 11:30 am  
Play and learn with prehistoric fun! Dig up dino fossils, play tar-pit tag, create a cave out of clay, make and "hatch" your own dino egg, and more. Join us for a roarin' good time!

#### Music Mania

June 30, July 1 & 28:30 to 11:30 am  
Discover the music within you!  
Experiment with rhythm and movement as you create and play instruments made with everyday objects. Play games, make crafts and more.

#### Around the World

July 14, 15 & 16 8:30 to 11:30 am  
Travel the globe without leaving the Museum! Learn about life in different countries through crafts, language, music, stories and games.

#### Imagine That

July 21, 22 & 23 8:30 to 11:30 am  
Paint, sculpt, glue, mold and more in this creative expression camp perfect for an emerging Van Gogh or any playful child.

#### Ocean Adventure

July 28, 29 & 30 8:30 to 11:30 am  
Explore the exciting world beneath the sea. Build a sand castle, discover treasure and learn about amazing sea creatures + games, crafts & more.

#### Worms, Butterflies & Bugs...Oh, my!

August 4, 5 & 6 8:30 to 11:30 am  
Get a close-up look at some real insects during a nature walk in a nearby park. Make a worm farm + crafts, games and more.

#### Space...2008

August 11, 12 & 13 8:30 to 11:30 am  
Learn about planets, stars and more in this galaxy of fun. Launch a rocket, create your own alien creature and more!  
5...4...3...2...1...BLAST OFF!

#### LUNCH BUNCH for ages 4+

11:30 am-1:00 pm on dates of half-day camps (see left)  
Supervised lunch (bring your own) and Museum play  
With camp registration: \$5 per day per child  
No camp registration: \$7 per day per child

### FREAKY FRIDAYS

Single day sessions (8:30-4:30) for 7-12 year olds. Each session is \$40\* for Museum members, \$50\* for non-Members (includes snack; campers should bring a sack lunch)

#### Friday, June 27 Gadgets & Gizmos

Make a ping pong ball cannon, spy periscope, rubber band car, catapult and more!

#### Friday, July 11 Build A Bot

Build your own rockin' and rollin' robot to take home. Plus more crazy creations.  
(\*Add \$7.50 to fee)

#### Friday, July 18 Captain Inventor

Design an aircraft that can withstand a storm, a parachute that can protect a fragile egg, solid bridges made of paper, and more!

#### Friday, July 25 Science Whiz

Mix up gack and goop, explore the sticky science of glue, congeal a Jell-O brain & more.

#### Friday, August 8 Launch Time

Build flying devices from boomerangs to rockets, and try to make them go farther, faster, straighter.

Ask about **Camp Can-Do** summer art, music & more sessions for kids with limited mobility... to be scheduled soon!

### IT'S FIELD TRIP SEASON!

We occasionally receive calls asking if the Museum will be busy on a certain day. Usually, the least busy times at the Children's Museum of La Crosse are weekday afternoons after 2:00 pm and Sundays. Mornings in April and May tend to be busy with school groups. Feel free to call to check on a certain day.

Please understand, however, that a quiet day can change. If a school has an outdoor field trip planned on a day that rains, they may call to arrange a last-minute visit to the Museum. We do try to be responsive to such requests. Remember, the Children's Museum of La Crosse mission is to serve *all* children. For many school children, it is their first (and perhaps only) visit to the Museum. It's important for them and important for the Museum.

It won't be long before your toddler is part of a school group—how exciting!



### Raise \$25 for the Children's Museum of La Crosse when you use H&R Block to do your taxes.

#### It's easy:

Just present the form below to a participating H&R Block office at your appointment to have your 2007 taxes prepared.

#### Support Children's Museum of La Crosse

To redeem this offer, visit a participating H&R Block office to have your taxes prepared between 1/1/08 and 11/1/08. To make an appointment or locate an office, call 1-800-HRBLOCK or visit [hrblock.com](http://hrblock.com).

#### \$25.00 to:

Children's Museum of La Crosse  
207 5th Ave. S.  
La Crosse, WI 54601-4044



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#### For office use:

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\*The Children's Museum of La Crosse is eligible to receive \$25.00 for each new client referred to a participating U.S. H&R Block office when that person pays for preparation of an original personal income tax return between 1/1/08 and 11/1/08. An eligible tax return includes: 1040, 1040-A and 1040-EZ. A new client means a person who did not have his/her 2006 taxes prepared by H&R Block. Referral form must be presented prior to completion of initial tax office interview. Amended returns do not qualify and H&R Block employees are not eligible. Allow approx. 8 weeks after May 1, 2008 and/ or November 1, 2008 for check delivery. Offer may not be combined with any other referral program or any coupon or discount offer. ©2007 H&R Block Services, Inc.

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of La Crosse

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[www.funmuseum.org](http://www.funmuseum.org)

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Tuesdays through Saturdays, 10:00-5:00

Sundays, Noon-5:00

Closed Mondays and major holidays

Admission fee (infants and Members FREE)

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## We ♥ our volunteers!

### April is National Volunteer Appreciation Month

The Children's Museum of La Crosse is proud to present the 2008 Judith A. Bouffleur Outstanding Volunteer award to:

#### Coulee Region Humane Society Pet Therapy Volunteers

- ★ Mickey Padesky and Kaya & Jacey
- ★ Kris McCabe and Kobe
- ★ Deb Woerpel and Gus



Pet Therapy Dogs, Kaya & Jacey, with Mickey Padesky and a young Museum visitor in The House That I Built exhibit.

These wonderful women and their loving, furry friends visit the Children's Museum of La Crosse on a regular basis to share and mentor the human-animal bond.

