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## **Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose March/April 2010 Events**

### **Summer of Service**

Children's Discovery Museum offers a nationally recognized Summer Day Camp for youth entering grades 7 – 10. Youth enrolled in this unique and innovative summer program get the chance to have fun while making a difference in the community. Participants attend one or more two-week sessions serving on teams such as:

Purple Team – Get behind the scenes in the Museum. Prepare and facilitate activities for Museum visitors. Contribute to an SOS 'zine and documentary video in the CDMedia Studio.

Orange Team - Be a mentor and a friend to a little one at a local preschool.

Green Team- Become an Environmental Guardian! Conduct water quality tests, and river clean up, plant a tree and facilitate activities with Museum visitors.

Just for 10<sup>th</sup> Graders! The Striped Team – Join our veteran SOSers for this exciting leadership experience. Complete special projects at a different services site each session and lead activities for younger SOS participants

This year SOS will be offered during the following times:

Session 1: June 21 – July 2  
Session 2: July 5 – July 16  
Session 3: July 19 – July 30  
Session 4: August 2 – August 13

Cost:

Museum Members: \$400 per two-week session

Non-members: \$425 per two-week session

Extended care: \$150 per two-week session

For more information or to register go online at [www.cdm.org/sos](http://www.cdm.org/sos), call (408) 298-5437 ext.243, or e-mail [sos@cdm.org](mailto:sos@cdm.org).

To view SOS videos, created by previous Purple Teams, go to [www.cdm.org/video-sos.wmv](http://www.cdm.org/video-sos.wmv).

### **New Exhibition: Living in Space**

February 6 – May 9, 2010

Become an International Space Station (ISS) “crew member” and engage in a multitude of astronaut activities in Living in Space, our newest hands-on traveling exhibit. Plan a day in space, perform crew members' work, including a simulated science experiment, and see how everyday endeavors, such as mealtimes, playtime, or free-time choices, are different when your feet aren't on terra firma! Immerse yourself in this unique space environment and learn about a day in the life of an ISS crew member. It's out-of-this-world!

Living in Space was designed and built by The Children's Museum of Memphis for the Youth Museum Exhibit Collaborative (YMEC).

### **Save the Star Date**

Former NASA Astronaut and first woman in space, Dr. Sally K Ride, will receive the Legacy for Children Award 2010 in San Jose, on Friday, May 14. For more information, visit [www.cdm.org/legacy](http://www.cdm.org/legacy).

## **The 4th Annual San Francisco Bay Area International Children's Film Festival**

Saturday, April 10

11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 11

12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

More than 80 short independent films from around the world have been selected by parents and educators to participate in this year's Festival. Several of the filmmakers will be on hand to answer questions.

## **Children of the Dragon Vietnamese Community Celebration**

Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 25, noon – 5:00 p.m.

Music, dance, art—even food tasting—will highlight this exciting, colorful, and culturally rich two-day event featuring members of the local Vietnamese community.

## **PARTY AT THE MUSEUM**

Birthday Parties

Celebrate your child's birthday at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose! Members will receive a \$25 discount on the day of booking. For complete details, visit [www.cdm.org](http://www.cdm.org) or call our Birthday Party Coordinator at (408) 298-5437 ext. 268.

Private Events

Planning a special celebration? Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose is excited to offer Museum members the opportunity to rent our engaging and interactive facility for a private two-hour evening event. We are currently taking reservations for family reunions, summer picnics, and private parties. Spaces are limited. E-mail [sales@cdm.org](mailto:sales@cdm.org) or call our Events Coordinator at (408) 298-5437 ext. 260 for more details. Please allow 24 hours for a return phone call.

## **CELEBRATE! Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose is turning 20 on June 5!**

It has been 20 years since the big purple Museum first opened its doors to the public. Anniversary festivities are being planned, so dust off those memories and make plans to help us celebrate two decades of fun and learning. Details to follow!

## **Silicon Valley Reads**

"Tops & Bottoms" Adapted and illustrated by Janet Stevens for ages 4-7

This year Silicon Valley Reads has selected Tops and Bottoms by Janet Stevens, a tale featuring Brer Bear and Brer Rabbit in a gardening partnership...which is anything but! After the story, be sure to visit Rainbow Pizza and Market and find out ways you can enjoy healthy veggies yourself...just like Rabbit!

Community leaders will be joining us to read aloud for children in support of the annual Silicon Valley Reads event. Sunday, 2:00 p.m.

March 7: San Jose Mayor Chuck Reed  
March 14: Lissa Kreisler of KBAY radio  
March 21: Frederick J. Ferrer, CEO of the Health Trust  
March 28: Sal Pizarro, San Jose Mercury News

## **Family Science Night at the Museum**

Saturday, March 13

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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Family Science Night at the Museum is a benefit event. Proceeds will support school group visits to Children's Discovery Museum.

Tickets: \$100 (admits 4 persons.) Space is limited; advance purchases only. To purchase tickets or for more information, visit [www.cdm.org/fsn](http://www.cdm.org/fsn). Contribution is tax deductible less \$40 per ticket.

## **“PurpleTV”**

Want to enjoy a slightly different take on Children's Discovery Museum? Children's Discovery Museum's new show airing on CreaTV channel 15, Wednesdays at 3:00 p.m. Laugh and learn with us as we spread our wings and experiment in this new format!

For more details, visit [www.creatvsj.org](http://www.creatvsj.org).

## **LEND A HAND**

Looking for something fun and meaningful to do in your spare time?

Check out our weekday-morning volunteer opportunities for adults!

On select weekends, a parent or mentor and child can volunteer together. Space is limited. Pre-registration required: call (408) 298-5437 ext. 271 or e-mail [volunteers@cdm.org](mailto:volunteers@cdm.org).

## **Donate Your Vehicle**

Donating your vehicle is quicker and more convenient than selling it (and more satisfying than trading it in!) We make it hassle free:

- We will quickly arrange pick-up.
- Your donated vehicle will be towed away by a professionally licensed, bonded and insured towing company.
- Your gift will help support Museum operations, and invests in the next generation.

Want to know more?

Go to [www.cdm.org/donateacar](http://www.cdm.org/donateacar).

## **KIDS' GARDEN Re-opening Saturday, April 3**

Tuesday - Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Sunday, 12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Weather and staff availability permitting

Garden Activities include Morning Chores, Afternoon Specials , and Watering the Garden.

## **ART MATTERS**

Month of the Young Child in Art

Tuesday, March 9 – Sunday, May 2

Artwork made at Arts Council Silicon Valley's Arts Enrichment Grant program sites, by children 2 to 5 years of age, will be on view.

## **“It's So Easy Being Green” Week**

Monday, April 12 – Friday, April 16

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

All week long, local conservation organizations will be on hand with fun activities and information to help you reduce, reuse, recycle and RE-THINK your impact on our world. Participate in the Kids'

Recology Campaign: get creative with reusing materials, find out other practical ways to go “Green” at home, and much more.

### **BioSITE Open House**

Wednesday, April 14 – Sunday, April 18, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Students in the Museum’s award-winning BioSITE (Students Investigating Their Environment) program will show you how they monitor the health of the Guadalupe River, support data collection, and help to keep our watershed healthy.

### **CDM Green Days**

Saturday, April 17, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Would you like to become a river steward and help to ensure a healthy supply of water for our community? Our BioSITE students will show you what it takes. Take this opportunity to find out more about the watershed you live in.

### **THEATRE EXPERIENCES**

A variety of programs including drop-in workshops, live performances, and films are offered:

Jerry Falek “The Mouse Bride”

Saturday, March 6 and 20

1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

Storyteller, educator, and performing artist Jerry Falek will be offering his newest interactive story program based upon The Mouse Bride, a traditional Chinese folktale.

Musical Storytelling with Michael Corner

Thursday, March 11 and 25, and April 8

10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Join clarinetist Michael Corner and his family of woodwind instruments as he brings a story to life.

Louis Pearl: The Amazing Bubble Man

Saturday, March 13

12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

Join us for an amazing blend of fun, science, and surprises as bubble master Louis Pearl works his magic. Louis Pearl has been bubbling professionally since 1980. He has written two books about bubbles, made a video called “Lights, Camera, Bubbles!” and has so far produced 21 fantastic bubble inventions.

The Raytones

Saturday, March 27

1:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

The Raytones combine fun lyrics with energetic blues, R&B, funk, and Rock and Roll. So come on down to the show and move to some tunes by The Raytones!

Sunday Matinees

March 7, 14, 21, and 28, 3:00 p.m.

April 18, 2:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m.

“AstroPuppies in Space”

This space adventure combines whimsical puppetry, animation, and real NASA videos! See footage of the actual crew of the ISS, real astronauts on the space shuttle, the historic Apollo 11 moon mission, and more...as you launch into space with the delightful AstroPuppies!

Visit our website for information and schedules for our Drop-In Theatre Workshops, Let's Improvise!, and Move to the Music theatre experiences.

## **THE WONDER CABINET**

A FIRST 5 Santa Clara County Early Learning Laboratory for ages 4 and under  
Children, parents, and caregivers will engage in learning at their own pace in this beautiful environment.

Art Studio

11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Children freely explore changing sensory and art table activities with trained staff.

March: Galaxy Spin Art

April: Nature Designs

Storytime

12:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Museum staff use whimsical props as they read award-winning books and lead engaging activities.

## **MUSIC TOGETHER®**

Music Together is an internationally recognized early childhood music program for babies, toddlers, preschoolers, Kindergartners, and the adults who love them. Experience the joy of family music with licensed instructor Tricia Bartlett.

Try a free demo class!

Thursday, April 1

2:30 or 3:30 p.m.

Here's your chance to see if the program is right for you and your family!

Space is limited. For more information call (650) 917-2354.

To register for the demo visit [www.music4families.net/demo](http://www.music4families.net/demo).

Music Together® 10-meeting series

Thursday April 8 – June 10

2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. or 3:30 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Members: \$150, \$135 for each additional sibling

Non-members: \$180, \$165 for each additional sibling

Materials fee: \$40 per family.

Children 8 months and under are free with a paid sibling.

To register for the 10-meeting series, call the Museum Reservationist at (408) 298-5437 ext. 259.