



# MCM-Meridian Partners and Junior Auxiliary of Meridian Launch Virtual Field Trip Experience

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## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - MERIDIAN

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Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian's volunteer organization, MCM-Meridian Partners, and the Junior Auxiliary of Meridian teamed up to launch a virtual field trip experience for elementary students in Meridian.

Meridian, Miss. (December 10, 2020) – Two volunteer organizations, MCM-Meridian Partners and the Junior Auxiliary of Meridian, are providing a virtual field trip opportunity to elementary students in Meridian. Students will be taken on an immersive virtual tour of the Meridian Airport to learn about its significant history, airport operations, careers, and the science of flight.

The virtual field trip experience includes a pre-recorded video and Lift Kits filled with aviation-themed science, reading, and math worksheets in addition to supplies for a flight experiment. Physical kits are available to educators who opt-in to receive them while supplies last.

Gwen Rockette, a Clarksdale Elementary teacher and MCM-Meridian Partners Board Member, developed the educational materials for students ranging from pre-kindergarten to fifth grade.

“Our town, Meridian, has a rich aviation background. These user-friendly math and reading lessons were designed to highlight some of that history, as well as accentuate best practices in the classroom, whether it be in-person or virtual,” said Gwen Rockette. “Through the magic of imagination and the power of learning, MCM-Meridian's desire is for these materials to help our young scholars soar!”

Watch the virtual tour and find a downloadable version of the Lift Kits on the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian website at

<https://mschildrensmuseum.org/meridian-backup/virtual-flight/>.

Teachers interested in providing Lift Kits to their students are asked to contact **Caroline Compton** at [carolinecompton614@gmail.com](mailto:carolinecompton614@gmail.com) with the number of kits needed and grade level.

**[About the Mississippi Children's Museum - Meridian](#)**

The Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian (MCM - Meridian) is the East Mississippi satellite campus of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM)—a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that creates unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. MCM-Meridian is building a 25,000-square-foot facility with exhibit space designed around three primary initiatives: Literacy and Arts; STEAM; and Health and Nutrition with Cultural Arts and Mississippi History woven throughout all galleries. Outdoors is a 25,000-square-foot exhibit gallery that allows children a safe and magical space to explore and enrich the learning experience. The museum’s exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities will provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. MCM - Meridian is a strategic part of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum which is dedicated to inspiring ALL of Mississippi’s children from ALL backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. To learn more about MCM – Meridian, visit [www.mcmmeridian.org](http://www.mcmmeridian.org).

### **About the Mississippi Children’s Museum**

The Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to fostering in its visitors a passion for lifelong learning, improving the health and well-being of Mississippi children, and instilling a sense of state pride in all Mississippi residents. The mission of MCM is to create unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. The goal of MCM is to inspire Mississippi’s children from all backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts and Mississippi Heritage—the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. Museum exhibits provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. To learn more about MCM, visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).

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