



## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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# Celebrate NASA Day at the Mississippi Children's Museum!

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#### **Inviting aspiring astronauts to NASA Day for a fun-filled day of space activities at the Mississippi Children's Museum.**

Jackson, Miss. (March 1, 2022) – Launch into Spring Break at the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) for NASA Day on Saturday, March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

At MCM, we love all things space – from rockets to astronauts to space food. On NASA Day, guests can view and take pictures with artifacts from NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, including a spacesuit, space food and drink, a Lunar Rock replica, "Exploring the Solar System" display panels, "Science for the benefit of all" display panels, and images from astronauts in space and their daily routine at The Space Station. Specialists from The John C. Stennis Space Center will be on-site for an out-of-this-world day filled with space exploration.

NASA Day is designed to give children a glimpse into career possibilities in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) while tapping into their natural curiosity about space and science through hands-on educational activities and programs, such as galaxy slime, moon dough, constellation creations, Oreo moon phases, dehydrated food, and a Super STEAM program where guests will witness the launch of bottle rockets.

Bring your aspiring astronauts for a day of science fact, science fiction, and out-of-this-world science fun! Special guests, the Rancor Raiders, will be visiting with guests and available for pictures.

All activities are included with \$10 general admission or MCM membership. For more information, visit [www.mschildrensmuseum.org](http://www.mschildrensmuseum.org).

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

The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with a mission of creating unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning in all children. The 40,000-square foot museum is designed around five primary initiatives, with correlating exhibits, programs, and outreach efforts. These initiatives include: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, Cultural Arts, and Mississippi Heritage – the keys to helping our children mature into healthy and productive adult learners. In response to community needs due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MCM shifted operating and programming priorities to best serve

Mississippi's children and combat learning loss through facilitating virtual schooling and creating online educational enrichment – services that continue today through a robust, daily afterschool program and an online platform for teacher professional development.

In 2021, MCM celebrated a monumental year by receiving an Institute of Museum and Library Services National Medal, the nation's highest honor for museums, and through opening its first satellite museum, MCM-Meridian, which received the 2021 Governor's Award for Travel Attraction of the Year.

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