



Beat the heat at the Mississippi Children's Museum, open 7 days a week this summer!

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Jackson, Miss. – The Mississippi Children's Museum – Jackson is offering an exciting lineup of events and activities this summer.

MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

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- **Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit** open now-September 4th
 - Based on The Jim Henson Company's popular PBS KIDS TV series, *Dinosaur Train: The Traveling Exhibit* takes children on a time-traveling adventure back to the Age of Dinosaurs. Children can join Buddy, the star of the show, on his quest to learn more about dinosaurs as they hop aboard the Dinosaur Train to learn more about paleontology, natural history and more.
- **STEAM & Transportation Day** – July 16th (10am-2pm)
 - Learn about STEAM and Transportation during our Dinosaur Train summer exhibit. Guests will enjoy an educational day of hands-on learning, including Pteranodon gliders, an electric train experiment, robots, and 3D printing.
- **Neon Night** (adults only fundraiser) – July 16th (8pm-midnight)
 - Neon Night is a signature summer fundraising event hosted by MCM Partners that brings the Mississippi Children's Museum to life with glowing lights, electrifying music, specialty drinks, and savory snacks. Guests 21 and older are invited to "dress up" in neon attire and dance the night away.
- **Harry Potter Day** – July 30th (10am-3pm)
 - Celebrate Harry Potter's birthday with a Potions class where you will create Calming Draught Glitter Bottles, a Transfiguration Class where you will learn about Non-Newtonian Fluids, and a visit to Ollivander's Wand Shop, where you can create a circuitry wand to cast Lumos! Costumes are encouraged.
- **Back to School Bash** – August 6th (10am-3pm)
 - Say goodbye to summer and aloha to the new school year at MCM's Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 6th. Wear your hula skirts and leis and join us for the last luau before school is back in session.
- **Magic Mondays** – open every Monday in June & July (closed July 4th)
- **Splash Pad** open until September 4th (Splash Pad Hours: Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm and Sunday 1-6pm, weather permitting)
- **LeFleur's Bluff Playground** open until 7:00 p.m. this summer! (Temporary Playground Hours: Monday-Friday 8am-7pm, Saturday 9am-7pm, Sunday 1pm-7pm)

All events and activities are included with general admission, which is \$10 per person and free with museum membership. The LeFleur's Bluff Playground is free and open to the public. Visit our website to stay up-to-date on events and programs: <https://mschildrensmuseum.org/jackson/calendar-events/>.

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.

To learn more about MCM visit www.mschildrensmuseum.org.

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