



Enjoy Two Museums for One Great Price at MCM & MMNS' Annual Park After Dark!

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Jackson, Miss. (October 14, 2022) The Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) and the Mississippi Museum of Natural Science (MMNS) invite you to their spook-tacular event Park After Dark on Friday, October 28 from 5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

MCM has partnered with MMNS to host Park After Dark where you can enjoy two museums for one great price. You'll find spooky science and fantastic family fun activities at this special evening event. Guests can create creepy-crawly arts, hunt for tricks and treats, and explore the LeFleur's Bluff Playground after-hours. Guests can travel safely between both museums using the new Spotter's Adventure Trail and wrap up the evening with special entertainment at The Den. Visitors of all ages are encouraged to wear costumes!

A shuttle will be available for free transportation between museums and overflow parking will be available at the former LeFleur's Bluff golf course parking lot off Lakeland Drive and the northbound righthand lane of Museum Boulevard where visitors can use the sidewalk to safely access both museums.

One night, one \$10 ticket, two museums! Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at 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 53,000-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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About the MDWFP's Mississippi Museum of Natural Science

The Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks' Museum of Natural Science is located in Jackson, tucked within historic LeFleur's Bluff State Park. The museum overlooks a 300-acre natural landscape, an open-air amphitheater, and 2.5 miles of nature trails. Inside, enjoy face to face encounters with more than 200 species of live fish, turtles, alligators, and other animals in a 100,000-gallon aquarium network of underwater habitats. Explore 73,000 square feet of exhibits featuring natural Mississippi settings filled with native plants and wildlife including deer, waterfowl, fossils, and Mississippi's endangered species. For nearly 90 years, the museum has thrilled and entertained visitors while pursuing its mission to promote understanding and appreciation of Mississippi's biological diversity through collections, research, scientific databases, education, and exhibits; and to inspire the people of our state to respect the environment and to preserve natural Mississippi. The museum is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and is a member of the Association of Science - Technology Centers. Please visit www.mdwfp.com/museum for more information.

About the LeFleur's Bluff Education & Tourism Complex

The LeFleur's Bluff Education & Tourism Complex (LBC) is the shared campus between MDWFP's Mississippi Museum of Natural Science (MMNS) and the Mississippi Children's Museum (MCM) and includes the LeFleur's Bluff Playground, The Den, and Spotter the Otter's Adventure Trail. The multi-purpose complex is used for recreational and educational activities. Admission to the park is free and open to the public.

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