



# The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian Celebrates Spring with *Bunnies & Butterflies*

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## MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - MERIDIAN

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The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian is celebrating spring with its second annual *Bunnies & Butterflies* event!

**Meridian, Miss. (April 4, 2023)** – The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) is welcoming the spring season with *Bunnies & Butterflies* on Saturday, April 8, 2023, from 10:00am – 3:00pm.

MCM-Meridian's outdoor exhibit gallery, *My Fantastical Backyard*, will spring to life for this special occasion and provide an inviting setting for spring festivities. Children will interact with bunnies, explore the lifecycle of butterflies, take a photo with the Easter bunny, learn about a beekeeper's busy honeybees, and enjoy a few special surprise activities.

Crafts and activities throughout the day include butterfly puppet making, handprint bunnies, garden games (weather permitting), and much more.

All event activities are included with \$10 general admission or museum membership. The museum will be open from 9am – 5pm with *Bunnies & Butterflies* event activities taking place from 10am – 3pm. To learn more about this event, visit [www.mcmmeridian.org](http://www.mcmmeridian.org).

### 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 a 25,000-square-foot facility with exhibit space designed around five primary initiatives: Literacy, STEAM, Health and Nutrition, 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 provide engaging, hands-on 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 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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