

Explorium News

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Explorium Teams Up With Central Bank For This Year's MGR

This year's Museum Go Round, Explorium's premier street festival, is shaping up to be a great event. "We are thrilled to have Central Bank as this year's event sponsor," says Mike Gilmore, Explorium executive director.



Young artists will display their original art during the annual street festival event to be held on October 17, from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Short Street will be closed to traffic during the event to allow for display booths featuring everything from jewelry to paintings. Artists range from enthusiastic five year olds selling their first drawings to more skilled teenagers producing sophisticated works of art. The event has grown over the years to be a regional favorite for both artists and art lovers.

The young artists create, price and display their work in an event designed not only to promote the arts, but also to promote entrepreneurship. This entry-

level experience allows young people to explore the possibilities of marketing their artwork and the economics of keeping their profits.

This year, thanks to a sponsorship by Kentucky American Water, admission to the Explorium will be discounted to \$1 during the Museum Go Round hours. The discounted admission rate includes the traveling exhibit, Living in Space.



Young artist paints at her display booth at last year's Musuem Go Round



Children enjoy a day of art and entrepreneurship at last year's Musuem Go Round

Explorium Hours:

Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

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Explorium Sets Premier of Living in Space

Explorium of Lexington is opening a brand-new traveling exhibit, *Living in Space*, October 3, 2009 – January 23, 2010. The exhibit premieres with a member preview party on October 2. This hands-on, interactive exhibit is on display in Lexington while traveling from other children's museums throughout the United States and Canada. *Living in Space* is inspired by the International Space Station (ISS) – the single largest



international aerospace project ever undertaken by humankind.

Living in Space allows visitors to become ISS crewmembers for a day as they engage in a multitude of astronaut activities. This unique environment is the basis for a fascinating immersion experience; a window into a day in the life of an ISS crewmember. Stories and videos from real ISS crewmembers are also presented.

The new exhibit resembles the look and feel of the actual ISS. The entry portal communicates a typical day aboard the ISS and includes interesting facts about living onboard. Visitors also use this area to make choices about what to include in their planned day in space. The exhibit is then divided into three distinct parts. "Living in Space" shows visitors how different it is to live in space, including food, sleep and hygiene. "Working in Space" concentrates on crewmembers' actual work in space such as building and maintaining the ISS, using the special equip-



ment onboard, docking with the Space Shuttle and more. "Playing in Space" shows that living in space is not just all work and no play as astronauts need a break from their busy schedules when they are orbiting Earth.

"Living in Space" includes eat and sleep in space. "Working in Space" includes seven areas: meet the shuttle, a model for cooperation, Canadarm2, fit for space, floating to work, dress for space and science in space. "Play in Space" includes two areas: packed with fun and weightless wonders.

Living In Space Activities

Coinciding with the traveling exhibit, *Living in Space*, the Explorium education department is proud to present three special programming experiences this fall.

- Booseum, the Explorium's family friendly Halloween party is scheduled for October 31, from Noon - 5:00 p.m. Children are invited to come dressed in costume. Haven't pick out a costume yet? Come as an astronaut or space alien! Crafts and treats will be available. Regular admission rates apply.
- Rocket Day is planned for November 7. Look

at the science of rockets and see exactly how rockets work.

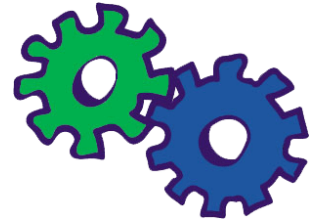
- On November 14, we will be exploring the 16 nations that participated in the building of the International Space Station in a special exhibit program, *The Space Station - A Team Effort*.

For more information on programming events, contact Sarah Chamberlain at 859-258-3253, ext. 11.



Looking Ahead

- Got Milk? Halloween Tour**
 Thursday, October 29, 12:30-2:30 p.m. – Representatives of the Got Milk? Campaign will be at the Explorium promoting the importance of bone health. Children will receive free chocolate milk and have the opportunity to take home their own milk mustache photos and other giveaway items.
- Holidays Around the World**
 Celebrate and learn the holiday traditions of cultures around the world on December 5, 12, 19 at 1:30 p.m.
- Check out the Explorium on Facebook and Twitter**
 Be a friend or a follower of the Explorium and keep current on happenings and events.
- Planning a birthday party?**
 Let the Explorium help. Our highlighted party this fall is the Space themed party. A new overnight birthday package is also now available. Birthday package information is listed on the website at www.explorium.com. To reserve a party, call the Information Desk at 859-258-3253.
- Host your next event at the Explorium**
 Whether a sports banquet, a church event, or a “creative” work meeting, contact the Explorium for rates and space availability, contact Aislinn Johnson at 859-258-3253 ext. 13.
- Santa Store in Victorian Square**
 Explorium will host the Santa Store this year on Friday, November 27 from 2:30 - 5:30 p.m. Mark your calendar to stop by and create a holiday craft.



New Destination Discovery Classes Coming to the Explorium



Starting October 14, preschoolers can become astronauts and learn to live and work in space in the new Destination Discovery class, Little Space Explorers.

Little Space Explorers lessons include counting down a rocket launch, demonstrating Newton's third law of motion, and more! Sessions will be offered in both October and December.

In February, preschoolers explore an unseen world in Germs, Germs, Everywhere!

In this class, the importance of hand-washing is discovered along with the answer to why bread turns green and much more.

Destination Discovery classes provide exciting and educational learning experiences designed specifically for preschoolers, ages 3-5.

Destination Discovery classes meet one day a week for an hour and sessions run throughout the year. However, space is limited. For more information or to register your child, contact Kristi Barrowman, education specialist, at 859-258-3253 ext. 19 or email barrowman@explorium.com.





Programs at the Explorium

Join us in the Open Art Studio for these great crafts:		October 4	Mission badges – Create a space suit badge representing your space mission
September 29 - October 4	Tissue paper flowers	October 10 - 11	Design Your Own Rocket
October 6 - 11	Paper plate fish	October 17	Museum Go Round
October 13 -18	Fall leaves	October 18	Paper Plate Planets
October 20 - 25	Frog puppets	October 24 -25	Space-themed Scavenger Hunt
October 27 - November 1	Bat or pumpkin origami	October 29	Got milk? Halloween Tour
November 3-8	Handprint wreath	October 31	Jack-o'-lantern Masks
November 10 -15	Origami lady bug		

October programs to take place on the museum floor during regular hours includes:

October 3 – Space-related activities for the Grand Opening of Living in Space

Membership Central

An Explorium membership is the best deal in town for providing your family with fun on a budget. A family membership is \$75 for an entire year and a Plus Membership, which gives you reciprocal privileges in other children’s museums across the country, is \$125. Explorium members also receive a 10% discount at the museum store and special invitations to exhibit previews and member-only events.

All memberships can be purchased at the front desk or over the phone with a credit card. For more information, please call 859-258-3253.

Join us now for a year of exciting exploring!



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