

annual guide

2018
2019

explorations v children's museum

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programs made possible by



letter from the director

Explorations V Children's Museum is no ordinary museum. It has the magical ability to make you more curious than when you entered.

As we celebrate our most recent success, we also plan for new ways to teach through hands-on learning. The 2018-2019 season is designed to create new experiences while honoring the treasured exhibits and programs that have given life to these historic walls for the past 28 years.

In the Fall, the Lower Level Blue Room will feature a cutting-edge playground system called Snug Play. These interesting, three-dimensional architectural pieces get children and adults up and moving, using strength and creativity to design unusual sculptures and spaces. In the Spring, we turn to technology and explore how it can be used to create beautiful art.

Some of your favorite programs are returning like Blast Off and the New Years toilet paper cannon launches. Our multi-cultural programs are expanding and now you can participate in a 9-month Cultural Passport program that covers cultures from around the world. The keystone to the Cultural Passport program will be a very special performance by the Ugandan Children's Chorus on our main stage.

Memberships are growing with us, as well. Explorations V Children's Museum is now officially a reciprocal museum with the Association of Children's Museums. This means, all Family Plus & Mega members receive 50% off admission at any other participating museum outside of a 50-mile radius. We hope you use this benefit and share your experiences with us.

Thank you for investment in hands-on learning and for allowing us to bring our educational tools to your family. We hope you find time to come explore more with us this year.

Your faithful explorer,

Kerry Falwell

Kerry Falwell, Executive Director



plan to play

2018

august *back to school*

- 10th Camp Explorations Last Day
- 25th Science Saturday



september *fall into coding*

- 4th Closed for Labor Day
- 5th Snug Play Opens
- 22nd Swantober

october *ghosts & goo*



22nd Golf Tournament

The 25th Annual Denis L. Fontaine Children's Classic Golf Tournament raises critical resources necessary to bringing hands-on education to more than 50,000 children and families each year. Come play for the kids and score a hole in one for learning! All proceeds remain local and are used to advance the Museum's exhibits and programs. Gather a team or sponsor a hole – there are several ways to be involved as we celebrate a special anniversary of this long-time fundraiser.

27th Boo Bash

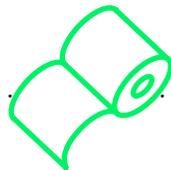
Spooks are silly in this not-very-scary Halloween event! Perfect for the whole family, enjoy a day of fun, games, and trick-or-treating in your best costume.

november *sustainableART*

- 7th Election Day
- 22nd Closed for Thanksgiving
- :-) Native American Workshops

december *blast off*

- 15th Uganda Children's Chorus
- 24th-25th Closed for Christmas
- 26th-31st Toilet Paper Launches



top 7 ways play changes a child

- 1 Encourages interaction with the physical world
- 2 Inspires creative problem solving
- 3 Develops self-control
- 4 Shapes a healthy mind
- 5 Builds a healthy body
- 6 Motivates healthy risk-taking
- 7 Forms connections & relationships



2019

january *literacy month*

- 1st Closed for New Year's Day
- 15th Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration
- 25th-26th Pigfest BBQ Festival

Each year, Explorations V Children's Museum helps staff the stellar national BBQ festival, Pig Fest. In return for our support, the Museum receives a portion of the revenue. We rely on volunteers to help fill the shifts. If you can help by signing up for a shift, call the Museum at (863) 687-3869.

february *you*

- 9th Peanut Butter Jelly Dance
 - :-) African American Celebration
 - :-) Friends of the Museum Breakfast
- Join leaders past, present, and future of Explorations V to learn about our community impacts and the outcome of our work beyond exhibits and programs. The Friends of the Museum Breakfast will raise critical funds to support the Community at Play initiative – a collection of mission-driven social services necessary for supporting a child's whole environment so they can grow to be lifelong learners and leaders.

march *whoosh! wind power*

- 25th-29th Spring Break Studios
- 30th Kite Workshops

april *art + happiness + health*

- 8th-12th Week of the Young Child
 - 20th Earth Day Workshops
 - :-) Night at the Museum
- Don't let the kids have all the fun! Night at the Museum is a grownups only cocktail event to raise money for the Museum's ongoing educational exhibits and programs. Kentucky Avenue and the Museum's first floor is transformed into a fun party space and the perfect spot to celebrate hands-on education.
- :-) Children's Fest featuring Platform Art

may *¡hola!*

- 5th Cinco de Mayo
- 12th Mother's Day

june *weird science*

- 6th Father's Day
- :-) Camp Exploration Starts



daily activities

monday	tuesday	wednesday	thursday	friday	saturday
10:30am Book Buddies +	10:30am Curious Kids +	10:30am Kitchen Kids +	10:30am Kitchen Kids +	12:00pm Art Studio +	10:30am Art Studio
3:00pm Circle Time	4:00pm Make & Create	4:00pm Squish Pound Play	4:00pm Tech Time	4:00pm Yoga/Karaoke	

workshops

Throughout the year, Explorations V Children’s Museum hosts exciting, themed workshops to extend learning in a more meaningful way. In order to provide the highest quality program possible, advance registration is encouraged, and in some cases required, for participation.

cultural passport

No need to pack a bag to experience diverse world cultures. Come to Explorations V where we bring the food, dance, and folklore from other cultures straight to you.

- November**
Native American Workshop
- December**
Ugandan Children’s Chorus
- February**
African Celebration
- May**
Cinco de Mayo
- And more!

spring break studios



March 25-29, 2019
in Half Day Sessions
Want to stretch your brain during spring break? Book one or more half day studio sessions lead by our Play Masters. We will soar through lessons in wind power, force, and friction through crafts, science experiments, and expert-lead demonstrations.



kite workshop

March 30, 2019
Wind is powerful, especially in Florida. Engineer your own kite to fly a beautiful creation and learn about this incredible, natural force.

friday yoga

Yoga is moving to the **first Friday of every month at 4pm**. Join master yoga instructor from Yoga Pointe, Emily, for an hour of family-centered yoga practice. Yoga is included with general admission and membership.

x-treme steam saturdays



The **last Saturday of every month** is all about science and the crazy things it explains. Join the Play Masters in discovering science concepts and testing theories.

tech time

This kid-powered exploration of the latest tech learning toys powered up in our daily programming in 2018. It will make its debut onto the annual calendar this year! Join our educators **every Thursday at 4pm** to see what’s new at the intersection of technology and learning.



homeschool workshops

Bring your homeschool lessons to life with monthly workshops at the Museum. Themes change for each program so sign up often! Advance registration is required so our master educator can provide the best experience possible. Visit explorationsv.com for themes, prices, and availability.

achievements



Attendance up 6%
over previous year



1,500,000 visitors
and rising



Memberships up
18% from goal

educational partnerships

Early Learning Coalition
for teaching training
conducted in our
summer camp program.

Florida Southern
Education Department
Semester-long research
study resulted in a 100
page report about the
member experience and
their learning outcomes
and potential.

Florida Southern
Psychology Department-
conducted a research
experiment in Storybook
Explorers Summer Camp
to measure effectiveness
of self-regulation tools for
low-income students in an
early childhood setting.

new exhibit! tot spot

A space intended for explorers under age 4, this exhibit allows the youngest visitors to discover in their simulated front yard. The exhibit features two custom digital murals of iconic Lakeland scenes (Florida Southern architecture and Hollis Gardens), a mid-century architecture inspired playhouse, hands-on landscaping, life skills (tying, buckling, etc.), gross motor crawl area, and a nursing nook.

new exhibit! first responders

We created an environment for children to be immersed with First Responders roles. The exhibit includes a hand painted, 3D downtown skyscape, costuming, interactive fire truck, interactive Sheriff car, and a simulated building fire that is de-activated by an authentic fire hose.

awards

Community Impact Award from
United Way for FFF

ways to help

Admissions, memberships, & program sales make up only half of what is needed to bring high-quality, mission-driven equal access to hands-on learning to you and your neighbors. By donating your time or treasure, you are supporting local families, helping dozens of children get ready and stay ready for school, and strengthening our area's future.

volunteer



Opportunities to share an hour or a day of your time come up through the year.

Email volunteers@explorationsv.com to be put on the distribution list for new volunteer needs.

donate



Recurring monthly donations are an affordable way to bring play and learning to thousands of kids.

Set up yours by visiting ExplorationsV.com and clicking "Donate Now".

give



Have Halloween costumes that could be used in the theatre? Is a box of Legos collecting dust in a closet?

Donate new or lightly used educational items for the benefit of thousands!

participate



From the Golf Tournament to Night at the Museum, you directly serve local children and families by participating in events.

We'd love for you to come out and play!

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