

Press Release

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GET GROSSED OUT AT THE FLINT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM THIS JULY

FLINT, MI— “Oh, Yuck...again!” is the theme this July at the Flint Children's Museum. We're bringing back an entire month of icky, sticky, slimy, grimy, and gross stuff! Visit the museum to experience gross science experiments, messy art projects, and more!

Special programs & activities:

INTO THE DEEP CRAFT

July 1, 6, 14, 17, 23, 27 1 pm – 3 pm

Make an ocean themed craft in our Discovery Zone “Into the Deep”.

SPROUTSIDE SAFARI

July 1, 6, 14, 23, 27 11 am - 3 pm

Follow a checklist to identify certain items in our Sproutsides area. *Weather permitting*

TOT TIME

July 1, 8, 15 10:45 am – 12:15 pm

July 29 9:45 am – 1:15 pm

Bring your toddler to the museum today to enjoy an interactive singing circle with our Music Educator, Ms. Karen.

GROSS THINGS TO FLING

July 1, 13, 29 11 am – 3 pm

Use homemade catapults to see how far you can fling bugs, lizards and other gross objects! *Weather permitting*

IT'S-NOT WHAT YOU THINK

July 2, 16, 30 2 pm – 3 pm

Fun and gross science experiments!

MAKE A PLANT PERSON

July 2 12 pm – 2 pm

Make your own funny plant person with lots of green grass hair! Take him home and watch him grow from bald to bushy!

STARS & STRIPES CRAFT

July 3 1 pm – 3 pm

Make a red, white and blue themed craft in honor of the 4th of July this weekend!

ROCKET FUN

July 3 11 am – 3 pm

Try out Stomp Rockets in our Sproutsides area! *Weather permitting*

SPROUTSIDE SING-ALONG WITH SAM

July 3, 7, 22 11:30 am – 1 pm

Enjoy a sunny sing-along with Sam, our Sproutsides attendant, while he strums his guitar.

RECYCLED ICE CREAM

July 6 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Sproutsides staff will help children make ice cream using recycled coffee cans!

DOLLAR DAY

July 7 9 am – 5 pm

Enjoy over 40 hands-on activities and special programs for only \$1/person admission. Families only, no groups please.

PARACHUTE PLAY

July 7, 17, 21, 29, 31 11 am – 3 pm

Sproutsides staff will be encouraging cooperative play today with parachute games and activities. Come on out and play!

Weather permitting

EMPOWER ME

July 7, 29 11 am – 3 pm

We are welcoming back our favorite health advocate family--the Millers! Join them for fitness activities in our Sproutsides area! Complete challenges for prizes and sign up for the American Heart Association's empowerME2B initiative!

MUSIC TIME WITH MS. KAREN

July 7 11:15 am – 2:45 pm

July 14, 28 1:15 pm – 2:45 pm

Ms. Karen will be at the museum for a special music and craft time today! Stop in to sing songs and make crafts based on our "Oh Yuck" theme!

RAIN STICKS

July 8 12 pm – 3 pm

Work with our Nature Educator to decorate your very own rain stick, and take home the sound of rain!

DARE TO DISSECT

July 8, 13 10 am – 4 pm

Open up one of our giant stuffed worms or frogs and discover what is inside! All of the fun without the mess of dissecting!

FOSSIL FIND

July 8, 14, 27 11 am – 3 pm

Dig through our sand pit in search of dinosaur bones! Carefully brush them off and try to piece them together!

GROSS GAMES

July 9, 10, 15, 20, 22, 28 10 am – 4 pm

See what's in Ned's Head, match gopher guts and birdies feet, or play Tic Tac Toe with snails and beetles!

MESSY ART

July 9, 20 1 pm – 3 pm

Squish Butterflies! Use paint to decorate half of a butterfly then fold over the paper and SQUISH! Open it up to reveal a beautiful butterfly!

SENSORY SNOOP**July 10 11 am – 3 pm**

Identify things around the garden with your five senses! *Weather permitting*

ERUPTION DAY**July 10, 23 12 pm – 3 pm**

Watch out! Things are erupting all over Sproutsides! Come to the museum for a fun day of messy science: Mentos and diet pop experiment, volcanoes and pop art!

BUDDING BASKET**July 13 12 pm – 3 pm**

Make a paper hanging basket to hold cut flowers. You could give your basket to someone special as a gift!

BUG HUNT**July 15, 28 11 am – 3 pm**

Use a magnifying glass to search for bugs in Sproutsides. What different kinds of bugs can you find? *Weather permitting*

BUBBLE-ODOLOGY**July 16, 24, 30 11 am – 3 pm**

Bubble-ology--the science of bubbles! Become a bubble-ologist by experimenting with blowing bubbles of different shapes and sizes! *Weather permitting*

MEET A LEADER DOG**July 17 12 pm – 2 pm**

Come meet a real leader dog! Learn about the training of these wonderful helper animals!

SPROUTSIDE CIRCUS**July 17 11 am – 3 pm**

Come join us under our Sproutsides "Big Top" for circus themed activities!

SEA SHELL PRINTS**July 21 10 am – 12 pm**

Using play dough, children can explore the different shapes and textures of sea shells.

SIDEWALK CHALK**July 21 1 pm – 3 pm**

Make your own sidewalk chalk to take home Sproutsides today!

BOTTLE BIRDHOUSE**July 22 12 pm – 3 pm**

Attract our feathered friends by making and decorating a special place for them. It could be their home or somewhere to come for a quick snack!

SHAKE IT! SPROUTSIDE**July 24 2:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

Youth Volunteers will help run some extra Sproutsides movement activities today. Parachute Play, Hula Hoops, and more! *Weather permitting*

SPROUTSIDE SNACK BAR**July 28 12 pm – 2 pm**

Taste what has been growing in our garden, right from the plants! *Weather permitting*

DOLLAR DAY

July 29 9 am – 5 pm

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INTO THE DEEP PIRATE PARTY

July 31 12 pm – 3 pm

Arrrgh you ready for a good time? Come to the museum to enjoy pirate themed crafts and activities!

July's theme is generously sponsored by the Veit Youth Charitable Trust.

The Flint Children's Museum is open Tuesday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Located on the campus of Kettering University at 1602 W. University Ave. Admission is \$4/person for ages 1 and up. For more information, call 810-767-5437 or visit www.flintchildrensmuseum.org.

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