



THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF ATLANTA

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**June at Imagine It!**  
**Features Opening of *Exploring Trees Inside and Out* Exhibit,**  
**Adventures through Words: Passport to the World,**  
**Okefenokee Joe, and Dr. of Fun Science Workshops**

**ATLANTA, May 20, 2009** – Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta offers children unique, hands-on learning opportunities and sparks imagination through the power of play. Below is a schedule including our featured exhibit opening on June 13, *Exploring Trees Inside and Out*, as well as special programming taking place at Imagine It! in June.

**Exhibit Opening**

**Exploring Trees Inside and Out**

**June 13, 2009 – September 13, 2009**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to walk inside a tree trunk or through the veins of a leaf? Children will experience the wonder of trees during this fun interactive exhibit where they can climb through the inside of a larger-than-life tree, watch light filter through leaves, hear water move through roots, see how and why trees change with the seasons, and experience how trees enhance our communities by providing food, shelter, and much more.

The Nature Explore traveling exhibit "Exploring Trees Inside and Out" is nationally and locally sponsored by Doubletree Hotels. Additional local support is provided by The Kendeda Fund, Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., Georgia-Pacific, LLC, USDA Forest Service, the Georgia Forestry Commission, the Georgia Sustainable Forestry Initiative Implementation Committee, and Southeastern Wood Producers Association, Inc. Major funding for Imagine It! is provided by the Fulton County Board of Commissioners under the guidance of the Fulton County Arts Council. Media sponsorship is provided by The Atlanta Journal-Constitution. The Nature Explore traveling exhibit "Exploring Trees Inside and Out" is a collaborative project of the Arbor Day Foundation and Dimensions Educational Research Foundation. The exhibit is touring nationally through 2010 thanks to the generous support of Doubletree.

**Exhibit Opening Day Featured Programming**

**Okefenokee Joe**

**Saturday, June 13 at 12:00 PM**

Legendary wildlife interpreter and folk hero Okefenokee Joe from GPB's "Swampwise" will teach children about the relationship between trees and animals. He's bringing live snakes and giving a 20-30 minute presentation that helps children understand how every plant, animal and person plays a role in taking care of our Earth.

**Tulie's Roots**

**Mondays-Fridays at 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM; Opening Day – Saturday, June 13 at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 3:00 PM; Saturday, June 20 & 27 at 3:00 PM; Sundays at 12:00 PM**

All Pat wants to do is stay inside to play video games and watch TV, but his Mom and Dad send him outside to play. He quickly learns that the great outdoors is great fun! In this 20-minute original mini-musical, Pat makes a new friend named Tulie, a Tulip Poplar tree, whose woody games and tree lessons help him discover that he loves to play outside.

### **Other Exploring Trees Inside and Out Programming**

#### **Stump Stomp**

**Tuesdays-Saturdays at 2:00 PM**

Stomp on some stumps to the catchy drum beats and sway your branches side to side to songs about trees.

#### **Flow with the Four Seasons**

**Mondays & Sundays at 2:00 PM**

Children can let their dance moves flow with the four seasons. Join an Imaginator and shake like a leaf all the way through spring, summer, fall, and winter.

### **Special Programming**

#### **Adventures through Words: Passport to the World**

**May 27, 2009 – June 12, 2009**

Get ready to discover the magic of stories as we engage children in the joy of reading and the wondrous world of wordplay. This time, Adventures through Words takes children on journeys across the ocean, through the desert, and to the Wild West. Children will enjoy interactive story time and creative word games that show them how much fun words can be! Hourly programming schedule available at [www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org](http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org).

#### **The Cinder Eyed Cats**

**Monday-Friday at 11:30 AM; Saturdays at 11:00 AM & 3:00 PM; Sundays at 1:00 PM**

Climb aboard an imaginary boat and sail to faraway lands with the Imaginators as they read “The Cinder Eyed Cats” by Eric Rohmann. The children will take an adventure across the ocean to an island of dreams. The storybook journey continues with a dreamlike parade around the Museum!

#### **Journey to the Wild West**

**Saturdays at 1:00 PM & Sundays at 12:00 PM**

Yee haw! Let’s make a visit to a ranch in the Wild West! The Imaginators will read “Sixteen Cows” by Lisa Wheeler as the children become cowboys and cowgirls to help round up the herds in this “moo-sical tale.”

#### **Name that Fairy Tale**

**Sundays at 2:00 PM**

Put your brain to the test and join the Imaginators for a fun-filled game of “Name that Fairy Tale.” Look on the magic board and see if you guess which fairy tale is which. A boy, a bean and a giant? Any guesses? That’s right, “Jack and the Bean Stalk!”

### **Special Events**

#### **Dr. of Fun: Johnny Appleseed**

**Saturday, June 20 at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

Become the next Johnny Appleseed! The Dr. of Fun will teach children how to grow apple trees. Children will take home the beginnings of an apple tree so you can grow your own apple tree.

### **Special Events (continued)**

#### **My Dad is an All-Star (Father's Day Celebration)**

**Sunday, June 21 at 1:00 PM**

Celebrate your all-star dad as the Imaginators share a story, "My Dad" by Anthony Brown. One little boy lists the many reasons he loves his dad including he's "as strong as a gorilla," "as happy as a hippopotamus," and "fantastic at soccer." Then, children decorate an all-star sports fan frame for their dads so they can put a picture of themselves in it – Dad's favorite champion!

#### **Dr. of Fun: The Money Tree**

**Saturday, June 27 at 11:00 AM & 1:00 PM**

Until money really does grow on trees, you can have the next best thing – a real money tree! Children will join the Dr. of Fun and learn how to grow their own money tree and get a germinated seed to plant at home.

### **Ongoing Events**

#### **Read It!**

**Every Sunday at 3:00 PM**

Children are encouraged to grab a blanket and delve into the world of books during Read It! This half-hour story time, sponsored by McKenna Long & Aldridge LLP, is devoted to fostering literacy and encouraging young children to embrace the magic of books. Kids join a special storyteller or Ms. Read It! – a colorful, creative storyteller extraordinaire – who arrives with bookmarks in her skirt pockets and an armful of stories.

#### **Target Free Second Tuesdays**

**Second Tuesday of Every Month from 1:00-7:00 PM – January through December 2009 (June 9)**

Through a sponsorship by Target, admission is free for all visitors who come during these special hours. The free timed tickets will be available at the Museum starting at 1 p.m. during each Target Free Second Tuesday, and the Museum will close at 7 p.m. Timed tickets are issued on a first come first served basis as Museum capacity permits. Once the Museum reaches capacity, tickets are only issued as capacity in the Museum becomes available. Reservations are not accepted.

**Imagine It! The Children's Museum of Atlanta** is a non-profit organization offering a family-friendly space filled with interactive and educational exhibits for children age eight and under. The Museum's mission is to spark imagination and inspire discovery and learning for all children through the power of play. Their permanent collection consists of bright, creative, hands-on exhibits that are designed to give children an opportunity to learn through play. Imagine It! also offers parties, memberships and field trip tours. **Museum hours: Monday through Friday 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$11 plus tax for adults and children ages 2 and above; children under 2 are free. Imagine It! is located at 275 Centennial Olympic Park Drive NW.** The Museum is closed for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day. **For more information or to support Imagine It!, visit their new website at [www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org](http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org) or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].**