



THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
OF ATLANTA

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September at Imagine It!
Features *Exploring Trees Inside and Out* Exhibit,
Fiesta de los Niños, and Celebrations of Shel Silverstein's Birthday and Grandparent's Day

ATLANTA, August 13, 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 for the current featured exhibit, *Exploring Trees Inside and Out*, as well as special programming taking place at Imagine It! in September.

****Important Note: Museum closed September 29 & 30**

Current Exhibit

Exploring Trees Inside and Out

Exhibit Closes on September 13, 2009

In *Exploring Trees Inside and Out*, children will experience the sights, sounds and scents of a tree. Children can climb through a larger-than-life tree from the roots to the canopy, lie in the rope netting for a bird's-eye view, and jump into a giant bird's nest. They can walk into a giant acorn, build a birdhouse, and dress up as their favorite animal, insect or tree and dance with the trees. Children will leave the exhibit with a greater understanding and appreciation of trees and the key role they play in our daily lives.

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, the Georgia Peach Commission, 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 Hotels.

Tulie's Roots

**Mondays-Fridays at 11:30 AM & 1:00 PM; Saturday, September 5 at 1:00 PM;
Saturday, September 12 at 11:00 AM, 1:00 PM & 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.

Stump Stomp

Tuesdays-Fridays at 2:00 PM; Saturday, September 12 at 2:00 PM

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

Terrific Tree Tales

Mondays-Fridays at 3:00 PM; Saturdays at 4:00 PM

Pull up a stump and join an Imaginator for a terrific story that teaches children about the wonders of trees and how important they are to us.

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Special Programming

Fiesta de los Niños

September 14, 2009 – October 9, 2009

Travel with us on a journey through Latin America and the Caribbean to explore the rich culture in Spanish-speaking countries. In our celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, kids will experience the stories and crafts that make each country unique. From Mexico to South America and from Central America to Cuba and Puerto Rico, children will feel like they are visiting each country as they learn about art, history and people. Visit <http://www.childrensmuseumatlanta.org/visitors/calendar> for more information about the hourly programming during Fiesta de los Niños.

Special Events

Happy Birthday to Shel Silverstein!

Saturday, September 5 at 11:30 AM, 2:00 PM & 3:00 PM

Celebrate author and illustrator Shel Silverstein and join Imaginator Jerry for a dynamic reading of Silverstein's fantastic classic, "The Giving Tree." (11:30 AM) Later, the Imaginators will sing Silverstein's magical song, "The Unicorn," and children will make a unicorn to take home. (2:00 PM) Then, we'll top off our Shel Silverstein birthday celebration with a party parade throughout the Museum. (3:00 PM)

Trail of Trees

Saturday, September 12 at 12:00 PM

Join Tim Womick, a modern-day Johnny Appleseed, for a lively, interactive program that teaches children the importance of trees. Children will experience tree magic as Womick teaches the children about how trees provide the air we breathe to the foods we eat. He brings along entertaining props like a large African drum, an abacus, a rayon dress, and a squirt bottle to make learning about trees fun. A bird's nest could wind up atop someone's head while another is sporting dark sunglasses and sings like Elvis.

Who's in My Family Tree? (Grandparents Day Celebration)

Sunday, September 13 at 11:00 AM

Gather your grandparents for a trip to Imagine It! Children will learn more about their ancestry as they create their family tree. Who better to help them log their lineage than their Grandmas and Grandpas? See how far back you can go and have fun learning about all of the great great great...relatives.

Ongoing Events

Kindermusik "Wiggles & Giggles"

14-Week Class Series

Tuesdays, September 8 – December 15 from 10:20 AM-11:00 AM (no class on Sept. 29)

Beginning Sept. 8, your child will experience a fun, educational and high-quality musical education experience for 14 weeks. More than 30 songs, 15 dances, and 8 different instruments create unique music activities designed to reflect the importance of movement in the life of a toddler. Home Materials: Double CD features 50 songs, sounds, and recordings of favorite activities from class; two story books, "Watch Me!" and "Pete and P.J.," to develop early literacy skills; home activity book; and a pair of zigzag blocks that make an instrument to develop rhythm and hand-eye coordination. Take-home materials are all conveniently stored in a Wiggles & Giggles carry bag. Fee: Museum Members: \$185; Non-Members: \$215. Sibling Rate: Museum Members: \$148; Non-Members: \$172. Prices include take-home materials. Classes are created for children 18 months to 3½ years old with a parent or caregiver. Instructor: Lisa Nall. Class enrollment: maximum 12, minimum 5. To register, please call 404.527.3693.

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Target Free Second Tuesdays

Second Tuesday of Every Month

January through December 2009 (September 8) from 1:00 PM-7:00 PM

Through a sponsorship by Target, admission is free for all visitors who come during these special hours. The free tickets will be available at the Museum starting at 1:00 PM during each Target Free Second Tuesday, and the Museum will close at 7:00 PM. The free 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.

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.

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 \$12.50 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 or call 404.659.KIDS [5437].**

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