

Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert DiscoveryGram



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We Have Reason to Celebrate!



At the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, children come first. This year we proudly celebrate 25 years of dedicated, educational services to children and their families. Our mission to create impactful, activity based learning experiences the whole family will love is our constant goal.

The Children's Discovery Museum is a magical place where children and adults alike can engage in the very heart of imaginative play while learning and laughing together.

Like most birthdays, our 25th is a time of reflection and gratitude. Our work is continual and evolving as it reflects the ongoing growth of our Museum families and their ever changing needs. We believe the learning experiences the Museum offers are vital, impactful and transformational. Thank you for celebrating with us, cheering us on, and investing in our future. Your support means you believe in the very heart of our mission- the power of learning- and in the importance of helping others. Thank you!

Throughout this issue of the DiscoveryGram you will find 25 reasons for celebrating the success of CDMOD!

25 Reasons to Celebrate CDMOD!

1. Hands-on learning -over 60 exhibits!
2. Parents play too!
3. Twice the Fun- Same Great Price!
4. Sunny the Mascot -makes us shine



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Six Months
of Fun! Look
Inside!



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

SCOTT R. WILSON, CDMOD President

My family moved to Palm Desert in the late 60's at a time when there wasn't a lot of things for kids to do. Back then, the valley was more of a retirement community, and the average age of the residents was a lot higher than it is today. I've seen a lot of changes through the years and I am happy for the current generation of youths who have been able to grow up with a resource like the Children's Discovery Museum, which provides our community with a facility that allows them to learn, have fun and create lasting memories.



Now, as we celebrate our **25th anniversary**, our museum experience continues to get even better! We recently finished a major construction project on our campus, which was made possible due to the generous support and contributions by Rancho Mirage, Palm Desert, and several private individuals and foundations through our multi-year capital campaign program.

We have enclosed our entire campus and added a new multi-purpose building, which accommodates our programs and has allowed us space to add 11 new and exciting hands-on exhibits. There is a lot more parking and beautifully landscaped grounds for visitors to enjoy.

If you haven't been by already, you are invited to stop in and see for yourself. We also have an opportunity for naming rights for some of the new additions and exhibits. For those interested in making a contribution or would like to recognize a relative or loved one, please contact either myself or our Executive Director, Lee Vanderbeck.

We look forward to seeing you soon at the new and improved Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert!

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

LEE VANDERBECK, CDMOD Executive Director



Twenty-five years ago, educators and parents gathered around a kitchen table discussing the lack of activities and "out of the classroom" learning experiences for the young children of the Coachella Valley. That meeting created the beginnings of the Children's Discovery Museum. Setting up shop in a rented Dentist's office and later the Mall, the Museum was an instant success and enabled volunteers and fundraisers to dream even bigger. Over the years, the Museum was given its current 6½ acre campus by the Ambassador and Mrs. Annenberg. In addition, donations with which to develop indoor and outdoor exploration areas, architecturally recognized buildings, and an array of exhibitry like no other were given generously.

Having a clear vision, goals, and objectives helped to make this happen. With those in place, volunteers, staff and community leaders drove support for the children and their beloved Museum.

The Museum has currently embarked upon an update of its strategic plan and is, once again, laying plans for the future. Inspired by the history of the Museum; the ability of the Museum to create excitement and glee in the visiting children and their families and the impact it has every day upon the communities it serves; helps to lay the groundwork for an increased sensitivity to meet the needs of its visitors and members.

The strategic plan for the next twenty-five years is a work in progress and the commitment to grow with our children is a tremendous responsibility. It would not be possible without the foresight and dedication of Board, Staff, Volunteers, and Supporters who make everything possible. We owe it to our founders and to the youth who benefit from us to make the best plan for the next twenty-five years. I count on you to help us in this essential endeavor. Plan with us, support us, and show our next generation that you care. You can make a difference!

The Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert inspires and promotes intellectual curiosity and self expression through and interactive exhibits and programs. It encourages children to learn about themselves and the world around them by exploring the natural environment and the community. The Museum serves children of all ages with particular emphasis on primary school age children of the Coachella Valley. The Museum also serves as a resource to its community through the development of special programs and collaborations with other organizations.

Lessons of a 25 Year Old - The Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert

How does one grow an award winning children's museum?

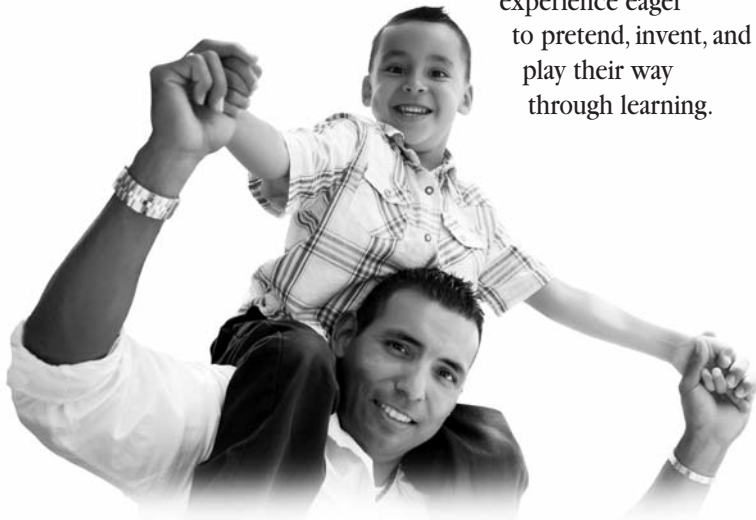
First, we imagine beyond even our wildest dreams a magical place where children come first and imagination flourishes. A place where childlike wonder is the key to opening the door to discovery and fun! The success of **25 years** has been built by those who rose to the occasion and declared- "this dream will be realized!"

As with all journeys, the Children's Discovery Museum has "learned" along the way as well. These "lessons" are integral to the very fabric of what CDMOD holds to be true and creates the foundation of our continuing success.

Lesson 1: Children's dreams are the most precious human commodity and whose worth cannot be measured.

The CDMOD is an expert in the promotion of creativity and imagination! By their very nature, children have rich, imaginary experiences from which springs forth powerful, creative expression. Each day children bound into their Museum

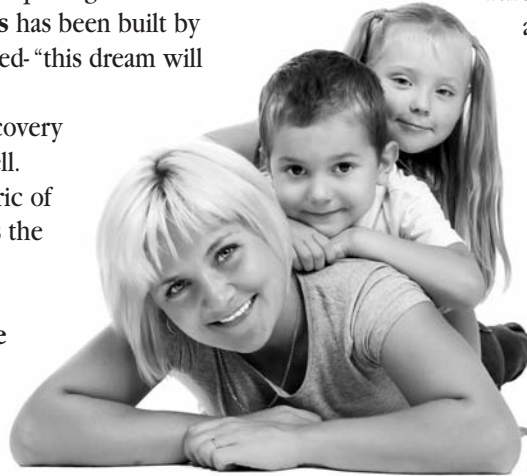
experience eager to pretend, invent, and play their way through learning.



Lesson 2: Parents need our support in their most important job.

What is the one factor that's arguably more important than any other for a child's success? Parental support.

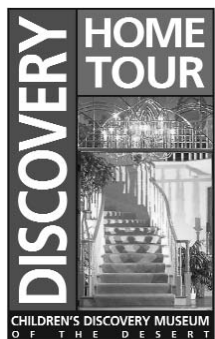
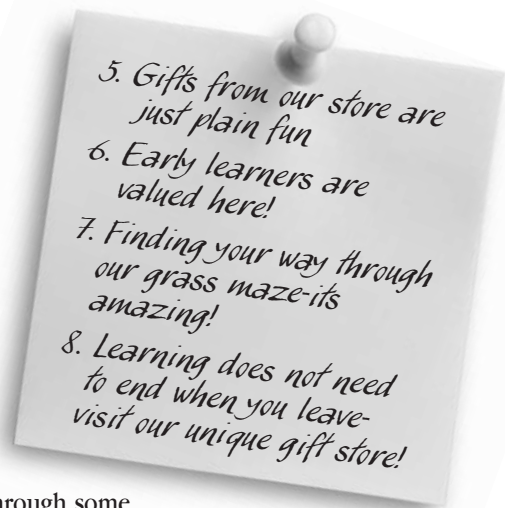
Parental support means paying attention to and valuing their child's interests. It means nurturing those interests by providing exposure to both people and experiences that can help a child learn more of those interests- it means walking hand-in-hand with the CDMOD staff and volunteers as their child grows.



Lesson 3: No great work is ever done alone. Helping hands, friends, and supporters are just an arm's length away- all they need to do is be asked. Our Museum friends passionately believe the future of our commu-

nity's children is in our hands today. As volunteers, sponsors, ambassadors and friends we all understand that right here, close to our home and heart, is a transformational place where children are never the same after having walked through our door.

Much like every child who comes to the Museum our "lessons" in learning are never finished. **Our promise to you** is that as we have dedicated ourselves and our resources to providing vital learning experiences, we will continue to learn as well. We know that it takes only a kind word, a helping hand, and the sound of laughter to truly connect with a child. These gifts, easily given, spark a process in every child giving way to a rich interplay between imagination and creativity, confidence and success. **Thank you for 25 wonderful years of learning together - we look forward to a bright future.**



11th Annual Discovery Home Tour

Sunday, February 12, 2012

Join the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert for the **11th Annual Discovery Home Tour**. This year's tour will take you through some of the Valley's most exquisite and distinctive homes showcasing unique design and architecture.

Purchase your tickets early to ensure a reservation on this not to be missed exclusive home tour. **To reserve your tickets, contact our Home Tour Hotline at 760-321-0602, ext. 122, or visit our Museum Gift Store. A great way to support the Children's Discovery Museum!**

Volunteer Corner

“The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others”.

-- DeAnn Hollis

Our volunteers have a heart “connection”. People volunteer for many reasons, sometimes altruism, sometimes personal, but always for a purpose. For many it’s simply a way of giving back. Often you will hear volunteers recount the impact of a special person or experience that shaped their lives like no other. That indelible memory had left not just a lasting, personal impression but created a great resonance resulting in not just the concept but a commitment to giving back.



The **heart “connection”** that volunteers make from the families they serve to the caring of staff is a connection of a lifetime. These meaningful relations created by “giving back” are rich, life-giving and essential to the core of what makes the Children’s Discovery Museum of the Desert the ideal place to volunteer.

Find your place in giving and receive your “heart connection” by joining our volunteer team. We need helping hands to continue to achieve! Stop by the Museum to pick up a volunteer application or contact **Kim Hatten, Gallery Experience Manager,** at 760-321-0602, ext. 104.



9. Volunteers are everywhere at CDMOD
10. We know how tall we really are!
11. New Exhibits-just for the older child
12. Our volunteers leave their “heart prints” everywhere

Continue Your Learning Adventures!

The Museum Gift Store carries unique gifts that help your child discover their own creativity, individuality, and power of imagination.

We have new products arriving weekly. Enhance your child’s learning with travel games, magnetic puzzles, books and so much more, all available at the Museum Gift Store! **Don’t miss out on February 14!** The Museum Gift Store will offer a 10% discount for non-members and a 15% discount for CDMOD members. CDMOD members must present their active membership card to receive their discount.

In a hurry and need some help choosing that perfect gift? Let **Debi Jensen, Retail Manager,** help you with all your shopping needs by calling **760-321-0602, ext. 101.**

Come in and discover the wonders of the CDMOD Museum Gift Store- **where learning is made FUN!**



Twice the Fun - Same Great Price!

Your annual CDMOD Membership has more value than ever before! With not one but **TWO** exploration galleries at your disposal. Our members now receive even a greater value at the same low price of \$25 per individual! Unlimited, general entrance to our exploration galleries, discounts for programs and classes and a 10% discount everyday at our Museum Gift Store are just a portion of the benefits of a CDMOD Annual Membership!

Parents have been asking for years - “my child loves the Museum but I think they are outgrowing the Museum experience, will you have something for an older child soon?” You asked for it and we heard you! **Our exciting, new hands-on exhibits are specifically designed to include the older child!** Not only has our pricing stayed the same, your growing child can continue to grow with the Museum.

For information for about our Membership program contact Debi Jensen at **760-321-0602, ext. 101** or email to djensen@cdmod.org. Have a “Discovery” day - Everyday!

Fun at a Glance



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Family Adventure Starts with CDMOD!

Perfect Choices for Early Learners

Creative Arts for Tots - Discover your child's creativity with imaginative, fun hands-on projects

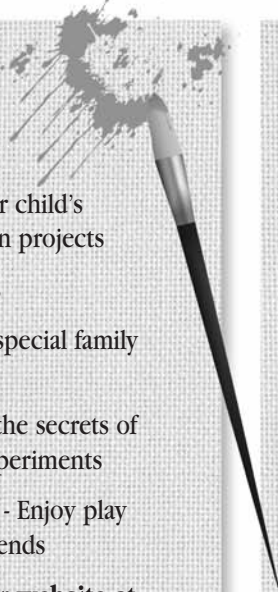
Little Chefs - Whip together tasty treats

Little Sprouts - Plant, water and grow special family memories in our garden

Little Scientists - Come and uncover the secrets of science through inventive, hands-on experiments

Discovery Tots Drop-In Programs - Enjoy play time together with your toddler and friends

For details and class schedule visit our website at www.cdmod.org or contact Suzanna Alberto at 760-321-0602, ext. 119 or email to salberto@cdmod.org



Discovery Camps Offer Great Learning and Fun!

Looking for a great place for your 5-9 year old to spend their spring holiday or making plans for your child's summer? Look no further than the **Discovery Camp** program! Each day of **Discovery Camp** is packed with museum exploration and exciting, hands-on discoveries.

Each session of **Discovery Camp** is designed to inspire children, quench their thirst for knowledge and ignite imaginations through exciting topics and adventures.

Take a look at our upcoming **Discovery Camp** program and make your plans to attend today!



Summer Discovery Camp - *Weekly Registration Required*

Session 1: June 18-22 - "Rainforests of the World"- Uncover the Wonders

Session 2: June 25-29 - "Amazing Animals"- Meet Working Animals - Our Heros & Friends

Look for details for all 10 weekly sessions and our printable camp registration form on our website at www.cdmod.org or contact Debi Jensen, Camp Enrollment, at 760-321-0602, ext. 101 or email to djensen@cdmod.org

Spring Holiday Discovery Day Camp

April 2: "Down the Rabbit Hole"- Follow Alice into Wonderland

April 3: "Tomorrowland"- Take a peak into the Future!

April 4: "Simply Science"- Discover the Secrets of Science

April 5: "Frontierland"- Visit the Wild, Wild West






April 6: "Easter Fun"- Easter Crafts, Games & More!

CHECK OUR WEB SITE
www.cdmod.org






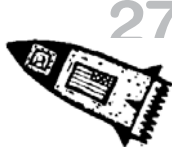



For more information on these programs call 760-321-0602 or visit our web site at www.cdmod.org







JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 HAPPY HOLIDAY! MUSEUM CLOSED	2 Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm	3 	4 Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>All About China</i>	5 Little Chefs 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>Chicken Dippers</i>	6 Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am	7 Saturday Discovery Tots Program 10-11am, <i>Polar Bear, Polar Bear, What Do You See?</i>	
8 Family Imagination Arts Station Activities Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm	9	10 Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 1	11 Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>All About China</i>	12 Little Chefs 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>Tasty Churros</i>	13 Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am	14 	
15 Family Imagination Arts Station Activities Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm		17 Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 1	18 Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>All About China</i>	19 Little Chefs 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>Breakfast Pizza</i>	20 Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am	21	
22 Family Imagination Arts Station Activities Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm	23	24 Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 1	25 Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>All About China</i>	26 Little Chefs 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>Jammy Scones</i>	27 Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am	28 	
29 Family Imagination Arts Station Activities Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm	30	31 Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 1		Museum Open Mondays - January through April!			





FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Little Sprouts 10:30-11:15am Session 1	3 Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am	4 Saturday Discovery Tots Program 10-11am, <i>The Napping House</i>
5 Family Imagination Arts Station Activities Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm	6	7 Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 2	8 Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Recycle Mania</i>	9 Little Sprouts 10:30-11:15am Session 1	10 Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am	11 
12 Family Imagination Arts Station Activities Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm		14 Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 2	15 Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Recycle Mania</i>	16 Little Sprouts 10:30-11:15am Session 1	17 Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am	18
19 Family Imagination Arts Station Activities Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm	20	21 Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 2	22 Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Recycle Mania</i>	23 Little Sprouts 10:30-11:15am Session 1	24 Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am	25 
26 Family Imagination Arts Station Activities Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm		28 Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 2	29 Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Recycle Mania</i>			





MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 4		 5		Little Scientists 1 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>Film Canister Rockets</i>	Discovery Tots 2 Drop-In 10-11am	Saturday Discovery Tots Program 3 10-11am, <i>I Went Walking</i>
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 4 Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm		Discovery Artist 6 4-5pm Session 3	Creative Arts for Tots 7 10:30-11:15am Session 3 <i>Springtime Fun</i>	Little Scientists 8 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>Build A Volcano</i>	Discovery Tots 9 Drop-In 10-11am	 10
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 11 Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm	 12	Discovery Artist 13 4-5pm Session 3	Creative Arts for Tots 14 10:30-11:15am Session 3 <i>Springtime Fun</i>	Little Scientists 15 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>Balloon Rocket</i>	Discovery Tots 16 Drop-In 10-11am	
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 18 Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm		Discovery Artist 20 4-5pm Session 3	Creative Arts for Tots 21 10:30-11:15am Session 3 <i>Springtime Fun</i>	Little Scientists 22 10:30-11:15am Session 1 <i>Fizz-Inflator</i> Volunteer Recognition Event	Discovery Tots 23 Drop-In 10-11am	
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 25 Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm		Discovery Artist 27 4-5pm Session 3	Creative Arts for Tots 28 10:30-11:15am Session 3 <i>Springtime Fun</i>	 29		 31





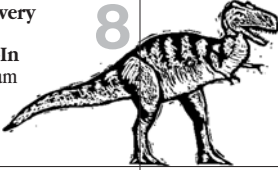

APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1	Spring Holiday Discovery Camp 2 8:30am-5:30pm <i>Down the Rabbit Hole</i>	Spring Holiday Discovery Camp 3 8:30am-5:30pm <i>Tomorrow Land</i> Discovery Artist 4 4-5pm Session 4	Spring Holiday Discovery Camp 4 8:30am-5:30pm <i>Simply Science</i>	Spring Holiday Discovery Camp 5 8:30am-5:30pm <i>Frontier Land</i>	Spring Holiday Discovery Camp 6 8:30am-5:30pm <i>Easter Fun</i>	
8 HAPPY HOLIDAY! MUSEUM CLOSED		Discovery Artist 10 4-5pm Session 4	Creative Arts for Tots 11 10:30-11:15am Session 4 <i>Celebrate Earth Day</i>	Little Sprouts 12 10:30-11:15am Session 2	Discovery Tots 13 Drop-In 10-11am	Saturday Discovery Tots Program 14 10-11am, <i>In The Tall, Tall Grass</i>
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 15 Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm	 16	Discovery Artist 17 4-5pm Session 4	Creative Arts for Tots 18 10:30-11:15am Session 4 <i>Celebrate Earth Day</i>	Little Sprouts 19 10:30-11:15am Session 2	Discovery Tots 20 Drop-In 10-11am	
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Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 29 Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm		 30				

MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 5 1	Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 4 <i>Celebrate Earth Day</i> 2	Little Sprouts 10:30-11:15am Session 2 3	Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am 4	Saturday Discovery Tots Program 10-11am, <i>There Was An Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly</i> 5
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 6	MUSEUM EXPLORATION GALLERIES CLOSED 7	Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 5 8	Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 5 <i>Barnyard Buddies</i> 9	Little Chefs 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Bacon Cheddar Pinwheels</i> 10	Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am 11	12
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 13	MUSEUM EXPLORATION GALLERIES CLOSED 14	Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 5 15	Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 5 <i>Barnyard Buddies</i> 16	Little Chefs 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Carrot Muffins</i> 17	Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am 18	 19
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 20	MUSEUM EXPLORATION GALLERIES CLOSED 21	Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 5 22	Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 5 <i>Barnyard Buddies</i> 23	Little Chefs 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Taco Melts</i> 24	Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am 25	26
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 27	MUSEUM EXPLORATION GALLERIES CLOSED 28	 29	Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 5 <i>Barnyard Buddies</i> 30	Little Chefs 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Bacon, Lettuce, and Tomato Brucetta</i> 31		

JUNE 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am 1	Saturday Discovery Tots Program 10-11am, <i>Rainbow Fish</i> 2
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 3	MUSEUM EXPLORATION GALLERIES CLOSED 4	Discovery Artist 4-5pm Session 6 5	Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 6 <i>African Safari</i> 6	Little Scientists 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Color Explosion</i> 7	Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am 8	 9
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 10	MUSEUM EXPLORATION GALLERIES CLOSED 11	Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm 12	Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 6 <i>African Safari</i> 13	Little Scientists 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Dancing Raisins</i> 14	Discovery Tots Drop-In 10-11am 15	16
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Summer Discovery Camp, 8:30-5:30 pm: <i>Rainforests of the World</i> . Pre-registration required.						
Family Imagination Arts Station Activities 24	MUSEUM EXPLORATION GALLERIES CLOSED 25	Ceramics Painting Drop-In Workshops 10:30-12:00pm 26	Creative Arts for Tots 10:30-11:15am Session 6 <i>African Safari</i> 27	Little Scientists 10:30-11:15am Session 2 <i>Goopy Goop</i> 28	29	 30
Summer Discovery Camp, 8:30-5:30 pm: <i>Amazing Animals</i> . Pre-registration required.						

Group Visits Just Got Better!

Two exciting hands-on learning experiences to choose from! Educators can choose from our traditional exploration gallery experience or our new secondary gallery with 11 new exhibits!

The Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert offers relevant exhibit space with hands-on activities. CDMOD has aligned exhibit learning values with many of the California State Academic Standards to present a wealth of learning opportunities to teachers and school children. At the Museum, children will enhance their investigative skills with science, math, problem-solving and creative art expression.

CDMOD field trips provide unique, creative and hands-on learning experiences for educators, home schools, special learning groups, and clubs. We continue to grow as an educational tool and look forward to the new faces that partake in this experience each day. Together with the CDMOD field trip program, educators can have a partnership in learning at an affordable price.

Information can be found on our website at www.cdmod.org or by calling **Kim Hatten, Gallery Experience Manager**, at 760-321-0602, ext. 104.

Discovery Artist Class

Select Tuesdays, 4-5pm

Is your 5-8 year old child looking for the right environment to build confidence and learn new art techniques? Now is the perfect time to enroll, and our Discovery Artist class- six sessions to choose from or sign up for them all! Join our art instructor, Cindi Kelly to learn the skills needed to draw beautiful pictures for a lifetime.

- Session 1: January 10, 17, 24, 31
- Session 2: February 7, 14, 21, 28
- Session 3: March 6, 13, 20, 27
- Session 4: April 3, 10, 17, 24
- Session 5: May 1, 8, 15, 22
- Session 6: June 5, 12, 19, 26

For more information or to enroll your child, contact Carey Alvarez at 760-321-0602, ext. 102 or calvarez@cdmod.org.

CDMOD - The Perfect Venue!

The Cove Communities/Anita B. Richmond Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert, situated in Rancho Mirage and surrounded by wonderful views of our beautiful mountains, provides the perfect venue for your special event. The event options are limitless, from Dinner Parties, Breakfasts, Luncheons, Business Receptions, Lectures, Meetings, Anniversaries, Birthdays, Weddings to Bar/Bat Mitzvahs.

We offer a covered patio, outdoor amphitheater, and a multipurpose room that seats up to 88 banquet-style or 108 theater-style. You can even include the Exhibit Galleries with your event and be a "Kid for a Night".

Whatever your Special Occasion may be, the Museum is an ideal location, conveniently located in the middle of the Coachella Valley Communities.

For more information, call Carey Alvarez at 760-321-0602, ext. 102.



We Know How To Party!

Let us make your child's birthday one to remember forever! "Discovery" or "Little Explorers" Birthday Parties are a great way to celebrate your child's special day! Children will enjoy a fabulous, fun and educational adventure. We do it all while you sit back and enjoy. Birthday party packages include: private room, decorations, cake, ice cream, punch, playtime in the Museum or the early childhood learning room and much more! Hurry and book your special day with a party you and your guests will not forget. Remember to ask about our special packages and party themes.

For more information on "Discovery Birthday" parties- please call Suzanna at 760-321-0602, ext.119.

- 17. Hands on learning is awesome!
- 18. Classrooms excel with our help!
- 19. We know the answer to "how does your garden grow?"
- 20. Confidence grows here for every child!
- 21. Exploration happens here!

- 13. Kids get to "power up" with play at our new "Go & Grow" exhibits
- 14. Imaginations spark at CDMOD
- 15. You cannot tell a "lie" at the Lie Detector exhibit
- 16. Sponsors make great things happen for great kids!

Invest in Extended Learning at CDMOD!

CDMOD's classes offer creative ways to stretch your child or grandchild's learning experiences! Our classes provide children from toddlers to elementary school age children affordable opportunities to extend their individual learning. **For more detailed information please call 760-321-0602 or visit our website at www.cdmod.org!**

Discovery Tots Drop-In Classes

Cost for a single Friday or Saturday class is \$5 for CDMOD Members and \$10 for non-members. Siblings are \$3 each. Parents and caregivers are free.

Early Childhood Classes: Creative Arts for Tots, Little Sprouts, Little Chefs, and Little Scientists

Cost for one four-week session of **Little Chefs, Little Scientists, Little Sprouts** or **Creative Arts for Tots** is \$30 for CDMOD Members and \$45 for non-members. Cost for a single drop-in class is \$10 for Members and \$15 for non-members.

Camp Programs Offer Great Learning While Schools are Out!

Spring Holiday Day Camp and Weekly Summer Discovery Camps

WHEN: Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.
WHERE: All Discovery Camps take place on campus at the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert
WHO: Campers ages 5-9 who love to have fun and learn new things.

Spring Holiday Day Camp: \$30 per day per child for CDMOD Members and \$35 per day per child for non-members

Summer Discovery Day Camp: \$150.00 per week per child for CDMOD members; \$175.00 per week per child for non-members. Price includes camp cost and one camp T-shirt per child. Campers bring their own bag lunch and drink.

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Fill out and turn in your registration forms, available online at www.cdmod.org, along with payment at the front lobby desk in the main lobby. For more information please contact **Debi Jensen** at 760-321-0602, ext. 101 or djensen@cdmod.org.

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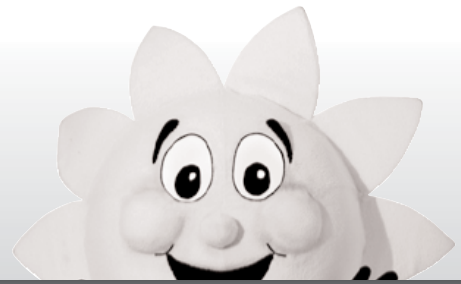
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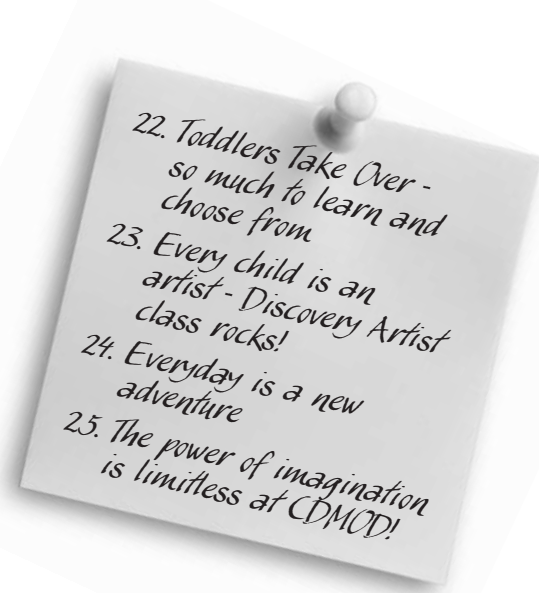
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24. Everyday is a new
adventure

25. The power of imagination
is limitless at CDMOD!

25 Reasons to Celebrate the Children's Discovery Museum!

We are bouncing for joy, dancing on air, and playing to our heart's content all in celebration of **25 years** of educational, fun learning experiences!

Year by year, step by step the Children's Discovery Museum of the Desert has walked hand-in-hand with parents, children, teachers, supporters, community partners, investors, volunteers and children. People just like you! Together we celebrate **25 years** of together, touching each others heart's and minds, and providing the most creative learning experiences around!

Look throughout this issue of our **DiscoveryGram** to see if you can find all **25 reasons** why we have reason to celebrate at CDMOD!



Twice the Fun - Same Great Price!

Experience for yourself! Our second Museum **Exploration is OPEN!** So much more to do at the same affordable price! How do you describe our 11 new hands-on exploration exhibits? Ask our newest exhibit users and they say "Awesome... Excellent... Cool...or just **FANTABULOUS!**" Take it from children who know, learning at the Children's Discovery Museum is just plain **FUN!** Make it a "Discovery" day at CDMOD!



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