

The Magic House

Exhibits, Events & Program Guide

January – April 2012



Magic Tree House® Exhibit

November 19, 2011 – September 9, 2012

what's big!

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Join Jack and Annie on three of their favorite adventures: *Thanksgiving on Thursday*, *Civil War on Sunday* and *Twister on Tuesday*. In *Thanksgiving on Thursday*, children can climb Plymouth Rock, dig for clams on the beach, help prepare the feast in a Pilgrim house and set the Thanksgiving table. Children can then get swept up in the American Civil War with *Civil War on Sunday*, where they have the opportunity to take a bumpy ride in a horse-drawn ambulance, play drums in a drummer boy's tent and work as a nurse in a field hospital. Children are sure to be

blown away by *Twister on Tuesday* where they can go to school in a one-room school house, drive the steam engine and experience a simulated tornado! The **Magic Tree House® Exhibit** allows imaginations to grow. *Let the adventure begin!*

The **Magic Tree House® Exhibit** was made possible by the generous support of the Crawford Taylor Foundation.

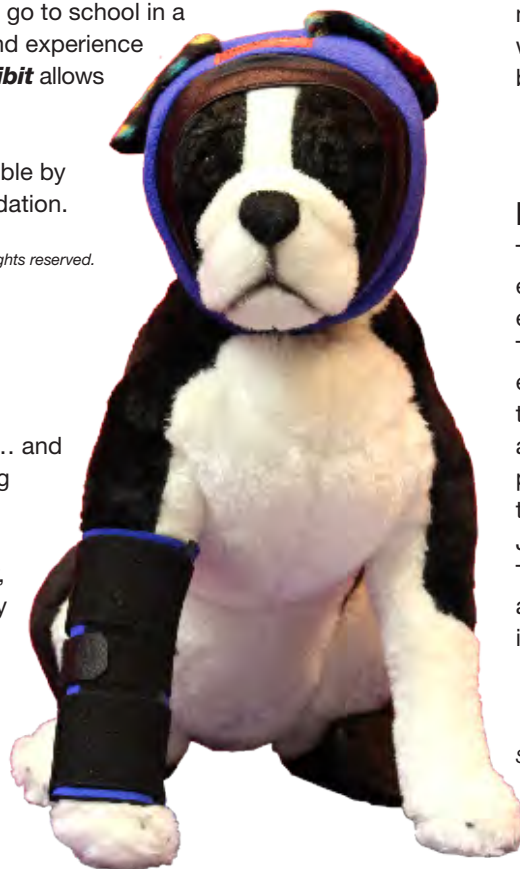
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Pet Clinic

March 3

The Magic House is going to the dogs... and cats... and hamsters! This March, The Magic House is opening a brand new **Pet Clinic** in the Children's Village. Children can dress up in lab coats and take on the role of veterinarians as they bandage, weigh, x-ray, scan microchips, groom and take care of their furry patients. The **Pet Clinic** will feature two exam rooms, a grooming center, an office, kennels, a fenced-in dog walking area and a hamster habitat. This new exhibit is sure to get tails wagging!

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Summer Camp

Camp Magic House (ages 7-9) Kindergarten Magic (ages 5-6) Camp Little Bit (ages 4-5)

Camp is in "site"! It's time to set up camp at The Magic House! Make your child's summer magical with a one-of-a-kind camping experience. Campers participate in fun educational activities, explore The Magic House and receive a camp hat. A different theme is featured each day and even the snack becomes part of the hands-on fun!

Summer camp will take place June through August 2012. One-week sessions are held from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm and 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. Camp Magic House and Camp Little Bit offer two different themed camps, one beginning in early June and the other in mid-July. Sign up for both sessions for twice the fun! For more information on sessions or themes, please visit www.magichouse.org. Reserve your perfect camping spot beginning January 2.

Cost: \$100 per camper per session
(Members receive a 10% discount.)

NEW! Camp Curtain Call (ages 8-11)

This summer, the curtain will go up on a brand new camping experience – **Camp Curtain Call!** Children ages 8-11 are invited to experience the magic of live theater during a weeklong drama camp at The Magic House. Through fun activities and games, campers will learn every aspect of putting on a theatrical production including basic theater terms, line readings, projection, stage directions, rehearsing, props, scenery and dress rehearsal. For a grand finale, campers will present their theatrical production to a live audience and then give a special performance for their families on the last day of camp. One week sessions will take place June 11-15 or June 18-22 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and include a camp T-shirt, lunch and snacks. **Camp Curtain Call** is sure to draw big applause from performers and audiences alike. Reserve your place in the spotlight beginning January 2.

Cost: \$180 per camper
(Members receive a 10% discount.)

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special programs

Fitness First Fridays

Fitness comes first at The Magic House! On the first Friday evening of every month from 5:30 to 9:00 pm, families can stretch their muscles and their minds as they don pedometers and walk a 1,000-step circuit throughout the museum while touring hundreds of fun, educational exhibits and looking for health and nutrition "Fit Facts." Each month will feature a different fitness theme to get families energized about getting fit. Be sure to visit The Magic House's website at www.magichouse.org to take a fitness challenge and earn a free child's admission!

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Free Family Night

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Some of the best things in life are FREE! Thanks to generous support from Target, families (two adults and up to four of your own children) are admitted to The Magic House free of charge on the third Friday of every month from 5:30 to 9:00 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

January 20

February 17

March 16

April 20



Magical Storytime

Here's the story: Little bookworms are invited to join us Tuesday – Friday at 11:30 am for some Magical Storytime. Listen to an engaging children's book and then participate in a fun activity related to the story. A different book is featured each month.

January

Snow Rabbit, Spring Rabbit: A Book of Changing Season by Il Sung Na

February

Soup Day by Melissa Iwai

March

Perfect Square by Michael Hall

April

Do You Know Which Ones Will Grow? by Susan A. Shea

Visiting Artist Series

Free with museum admission.

The **Visiting Artist Series** is a yearlong celebration of the arts at The Magic House. One weekend every month, museum visitors have the opportunity to learn from a variety of professional artists as they demonstrate their techniques. Children are invited to work alongside artists and explore similar materials as they join in the fun of the creative process. See our Calendar of Events for **Visiting Artist Series** dates!

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calendar of events

School Year Hours

Monday	CLOSED
Tues – Thurs	12:00 to 5:30 pm
Friday	12:00 to 9:00 pm
Saturday	9:30 am to 5:30 pm
Sunday	11:00 am to 5:30 pm

A Little Bit of Magic opens at 10:30 am Tuesday through Friday. A list of special hours can be found on the back of this publication.

january

Fitness First Fridays

January 6 5:30 to 9:00 pm

Free with museum admission. Children free with registration.

Start your New Year's resolutions off right and join us for **Fitness First Fridays!** Visit The Magic House on January 6 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm for a 1,000-step tour through the museum full of fit facts, fun activities, healthy snacks and, of course, all of your favorite exhibits.



Cost: \$135 per child
\$100 per child
(members)

My First School

Winter Session January 10 – March 8

Once a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

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Reservations for special events can be made online www.magichouse.org or by calling 314.822.8900, ext. 518.



Visiting Artist Series

Snow Time

January 14 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
January 15 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Free with museum admission.

Let it snow with artist Marion Nichols as she shares the unique art of cutting paper. Join the blizzard of activity in the museum's Expericenter to discover how to snip fantastic flakes of your own design. *Snow Time* is part of The Magic House's **Visiting Artist Series**.

Magic Tree House® Brunch

January 22
8:30 am, 9:45 am and 11:00 am
Reservations required.

We're going out on a limb and hosting a **Magic Tree House® Brunch** on Sunday, January 22. Enjoy a delicious brunch, explore the **Magic Tree House® Exhibit** and go on a time-traveling scavenger hunt, searching for items from the past just like Jack and Annie. Seating is assigned. Parties wishing to be placed together should mention their seating preference when making their reservation.

Cost: \$18 per person
\$15 per person (members)

february

Fitness First Fridays

February 3 5:30 to 9:00 pm

Free with museum admission. Children free with registration.

Get your heart pumping and join us for **Fitness First Fridays** on February 3. Bring your family to The Magic House and get in shape together as you take 1,000 steps around the museum and participate in fun fitness activities with a different theme each month.

Visiting Artist Series

Illustration Station

February 11 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
February 12 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Free with museum admission.

Picture this! Pick up a paint brush and join artist and illustrator Cbabi Bayoc to create a group work of art depicting families at play at the museum. *Illustration Station* is part of The Magic House's **Visiting Artist Series**.

Girls' Night Out Slumber Party

February 18
Reservations required.

Moms and daughters are invited to put on their best PJ's and join us for a little girl time at a spa-tacular slumber party at The Magic House! Spend the night at the museum, eat pizza, pamper yourselves with relaxing spa activities, explore the museum after dark, sleep "under the exhibits" and enjoy breakfast in the morning. This is one event you won't want to sleep through!

Cost: \$30 per person



have an unforgettable birthday!

Celebrate your child's special day at The Magic House with a convenient, complete party package that includes one hour of planned party activities, cupcakes that children decorate, beverages, a T-shirt for the birthday child and unlimited play time in The Magic House. Choose from a variety of party themes including **Construction Zone**, **Fairy Tale**, **Trains, Planes & Automobiles**, **Fancy Party**, **Modern Art**, **Science Magic** and **Magic Tree House® Party**. For more information or to reserve a party room, please visit our website at www.magichouse.org or call The Magic House at 314.822.8900.

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Special Hours

Winter Holiday

January 1 11:00 – 5:30
January 2 – 3 9:30 – 5:30

Martin Luther King, Jr. Weekend

January 13 9:30 – 9:00
January 16 9:30 – 5:30

President's Day Weekend

February 17 9:30 – 9:00
February 20 9:30 – 5:30

Spring Break

March 12 – 15 9:30 – 5:30
March 16 9:30 – 9:00
March 19 – 22 9:30 – 5:30
March 23 9:30 – 9:00

Easter Holiday

April 5 9:30 – 5:30
April 6 9:30 – 9:00
April 8 Closed
April 9 9:30 – 5:30

Fitness First Fridays

March 2 5:30 to 9:00 pm

Free with museum admission.
Children free with registration.

Get your second wind on maintaining an active lifestyle by joining us for **Fitness First Fridays** sponsored by the Centene Corporation! Visit The Magic House on March 2 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm for a 1,000-step tour through the museum full of fit facts, fun activities, healthy snacks and, of course, all of your favorite exhibits.

Visiting Artist Series

Book It!

March 10 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
March 11 11:30 am to 5:00 pm

Free with museum admission.

Paging all bookworms! Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day with book artist Melanie Daniels. She will fill tables of contents in the Expericenter and guide visitors in creating their own volumes, complete with pop-up pages. *Book It* is part of The Magic House's **Visiting Artist Series**.



your visit could be free!

Become a member of The Magic House and enjoy the magic all year long! Members receive great benefits like invitations to member-only events, a subscription to *FunTimes*, The Magic House newsletter, access to our convenient member entrance and a 10% discount on items in the Museum Shop and Picnic Basket Cafe. For more information or to join our membership program, please visit our website at www.magichouse.org or call The Magic House at 314.822.8900.

Boys' Night Out

March 10

Reservations required.

Oh boy! Boys, big and small, are invited to grab their sleeping bags and join us for a little male bonding time at The Magic House's **Boys' Night Out** sleepover event. Camp out at the museum, do fun guy stuff like work on a construction project, feast on camp food, explore the museum after dark, make s'mores for a late-night snack and enjoy breakfast in the morning. This is one event you won't want to sleep through!

Cost: \$30 per person

My First School

Spring Session March 27 – May 24

Once a week on Tuesdays, Wednesdays or Thursdays.

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Cost: \$135 per child
\$100 per child (members)



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Egg Roll

Monday, April 9

Free with museum admission.

The Magic House is on a roll – an egg roll! Join us on The Magic House’s front lawn Monday, April 9 for our annual **Egg Roll!** In the great tradition of the White House, The Magic House is inviting children 12 and under to roll up their sleeves and participate in an “egg-citing” race as they use large spoons to roll their eggs across the finish line. “Eggs-tra” activities include egg decorating, making “Medals of Eggsellence,” a special story time and even an opportunity to meet a very special guest – the Easter Bunny! All “egg-tivities” are free with museum admission and no reservations are required.



Fairy Tale Tea with Cinderella

April 21 – 22

11:00 am, 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm

Reservations required.

Once upon a time – Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22, to be exact – The Magic House will host a **Fairy Tale Tea with Cinderella.** Aspiring princes and princesses will have the opportunity to sip tea or apple juice, dine on assorted desserts, make a bejeweled crown to take home and enjoy a short, live production of Cinderella. Following the play, kids can see their favorite characters up close as Cinderella, Prince Charming and the Fairy Godmother visit with guests and sign autographs.

Seating is assigned. Parties wishing to be placed together should mention their seating preference when making their reservation. Guests are encouraged to dress in their storybook best. At least one shoe required!

Cost: \$18 per child
\$15 per child (members)

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april

Fitness First Fridays

April 6 5:30 to 9:00 pm

Free with museum admission.

Even if there are April showers, you can still get your exercise indoors at The Magic House by joining us for **Fitness First Fridays** on April 6 from 5:30 to 9:00 pm. Bring your family to The Magic House and get in shape together as you take 1,000 steps around the museum and participate in fun fitness activities with a different theme each month.

Get up-to-date details on exhibits, events and special offers, plus activities you can do at home by following us on:



facebook.com/themagichouse
twitter.com/themagichouse

bring your troops to our house!

Whether you’re a Webelo or a Bear, a Brownie, a Daisy or a Junior, you’re invited to scout out some fun at The Magic House for your next Scouting adventure. Call 314.822.8900 for more information.

Camp in the Great Indoors!

On select evenings, Scouts can sleep “under the exhibits” and have The Magic House all to themselves.



Visiting Artist Series

The “Going Green” Groove

April 14 – 15

12:00 pm and 2:00 pm Performance

Free with museum admission.

Award-winning storyteller Bobby Norfolk is burning hot in his portrayal of the cool Sun King, a cosmic character who educates audiences about environmental issues. In honor of Earth Day, Norfolk presents this musical production about how families can take steps to help protect our planet. *The “Going Green” Groove* is part of The Magic House’s **Visiting Artist Series.**

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what's coming!

SANDCASTLE BEACH

May 17 – July 1

Mark your calendar for a day at the beach—**Sandcastle Beach!** The Magic House is building up tons of sand and excitement for the most “sandsational” exhibit ever constructed. This summer, with the help of 10 truckloads of sand, The Magic House’s backyard will be transformed once again into a beachfront park, complete with tons of sand, hidden seashells and beach umbrellas. The whole family is “shore” to dig the return of **Sandcastle Beach!**

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