

# SCHOOL PROGRAMS

2015 - 2016



## Field Trip A, B, Cs

	<i>Choose Experience:</i>	<i>Program Duration:</i>	<i>Min/Max # Students:</i>	<i>Available:</i>	<i>*Fee:</i>
A.	Museum Go-Rounds	75 mins.	Up to 20/30  Multiple classes available	Tue. – Fri. 10:00 am 11:30 am 1:00 pm	\$90.00; \$4.00 each additional student
B.	Exhibit + Focused Activity	75 mins.	Up to 20/30  Single class available	Tue. or Thurs. ONLY 10:00 am 11:30 am	\$90.00; \$4.00 each additional student
C.	Workshop: 1) Science Immersion 2) Art Immersion	90 mins.	Up to 20/30  Multiple classes available	Tue. – Fri. 10:00 am or 10:30 am	\$120.00; \$5.00 each additional student

All programs are guided by a museum educator; connect with science, language arts, social studies, the arts and early childhood education; address New York State Common Core and other national standards.

\*Call to find out about discounts for Special Education and Staten Island Title 1 schools.  
See Chaperone policy for additional adult fee.

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# Play! Experiment! Create!

## Program Descriptions:

### A. Museum-Go-Rounds

Guided free exploration in 3 developmentally appropriate exhibits

- *Ladder 11, Block Harbor, House About It or Sea of Boats* (seasonal); Pre-K, Kindergarten, Grade 1
- *Bugs & Other Insects, Great Explorations and Big Games*; Grade 2 – 5

### B. Exhibit + Focused Activity, Grade 3 - 5

Guided exploration in 1 exhibit with a focused activity

- *Bugs & Other Insects* – Observe and draw live insects, explore the interactive exhibits to discover facts about animal mimicry, camouflage and adaptation; learn about insect life cycles and the importance of honey bees.
- *Great Explorations* – Using maps and other tools to explore three immersive environments from the tundra, to the rain forest, to the sea floor! How do humans and other animals adapt to living in extreme conditions? How do you prepare to travel there?

### C. Art and Science Immersions

Guided exploration; students get materials/equipment to create a piece of art or investigate science phenomena.

#### Art Immersions

- *Paint Like a Master, Pre-K – Grade 5*
  - Let us help you select one: Eric Carle, Chagall, Matisse, Monet, Pollack, Picasso or Van Gogh
- *Native American Handicrafts, Grade 1 - 5*
  - *Iroquois Jewelry Making* – Hear the Iroquois legend of the Three Sisters, learn a bit about their customs, history, and the importance of personal adornment. Create a stylized necklace with beads and shells.
- *Mask Making*
  - *African (Dan culture), Grade 2 - 5*  
Themes of identity and transformation are discovered as students create their own paper construction masks using cowry shells and raffia.
  - *Jade (Mayan), Grade 3 - 5*  
Ancient Mayan culture, customs and values gave rise to the creation of Jade masks. Student will use self-hardening clay and mosaic tiles to create their own masks.
- *Bookmaking, Grade 2 – 5*  
Learn about the history of bookmaking and create a sewn book to fill with your own words and images.

## Art and Science Immersions Continued

### Art Immersions

- ***Shadow Puppets, Grade 3 - 5***

The Chinese, Indonesian and Japanese people share a tradition of enjoying shadow play with puppets. Learn about this storytelling art form and make your own moveable shadow puppet with cardstock and colored tissue.

### Science Immersions

- ***Water, Water Everywhere!, Grade 2 - 5***

Students conduct experiments to explore surface tension, capillary action, wicking and more!

## Making a Reservation:

All programs require advance reservations. Call 718-273-2060 ext. 137 between 10:00 am - 2:30 pm to book your trip. Email: [reservations@sichildrensmuseum.org](mailto:reservations@sichildrensmuseum.org)

Or visit [www.sichildrensmuseum.org/school-visit-interest-form/](http://www.sichildrensmuseum.org/school-visit-interest-form/) to fill out the registration form and our reservationist will reply promptly.

Please let us know in advance if your group has any special needs so that we may assign staff accordingly.

### **Confirmations + Deposits:**

Your Field Trip is confirmed by phone once a deposit is received. Deposits must be received two weeks before the reservation date or the reservation will be given away without notification. All programs require a \$50.00 non- refundable deposit\* per class. The program balance is due upon arrival.

Deposits can be made via cash, check, credit card, or NYC Department of Education purchase order. Checks should be made payable to: Staten Island Children's Museum.

### **Chaperone Policy:**

We require one adult chaperone (18 years or older) for every five children; teachers are admitted for free; one adult for every five children is admitted for free; each additional adult is \$5.00.

### **Lunch Accommodations:**

Please let us know that you want to eat before or after your visit and we will try to accommodate your group. However, there is no reserved space to eat and you may need to make alternate arrangements. Our café, the Snack Zone is open Tuesday through Friday, 11 am to 2 pm and is only open to the public.

### **Cancellations + Rescheduling:**

The courtesy of 48 hours notice to cancel or postpone a visit is greatly appreciated. We make every effort to reschedule visits. \*Deposits are only refunded for N.Y.C. D.O.E. sanctioned school closings when rescheduling cannot be accommodated.

### **Gift Shop:**

Bring home a memento! The gift shop is filled with items, all less than \$5.

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## Exhibits:

**House About It** – A child-scaled, framed-out, 2-story house which is permanently under construction. Learn about the buildings trade, carpentry, plumbing, roofing, electricity and masonry. Play dress-up, use a drill, and learn what exists behind the walls and under the floorboards.

**Green Living Room** – An extension of House About It: Turn on the lamp, listen to the radio which are powered by low carbon “green” wind energy generated by SICM’s roof turbine. *Coming soon* you will read the monitor of real-time energy production of the solar panels on the tent in the Meadow and the roof turbine.

**Bugs & Other Insects** – Crawl into an anthill; try on an exoskeleton; classify and sort insects, arachnids, crustaceans and myriapods; learn about mimicry, camouflage and adaptation; compare and contrast butterflies and moths.

**Great Explorations** – Explore from the tundra, to the ocean floor, to the rain forest. Find indigenous animals, walk in snow shoes, host a radio show, cross a river on a raft, climb an ice wall, drive a dogsled, and more!

**Garden Terrace** – Step outside into a nature inspired play space. See what nature teaches us; “paint” with water, create music to compliment the hum of insects, dig in the warm soil, observe the root view garden and plant vegetables that are harvested to feed our live animal collection (weather permitting).

**Portia’s Playhouse** – Our interactive theater space where children put on costumes, play with puppets and work the curtains to take on roles on and off the stage.

**Block Harbor** – (PreK, K, 1<sup>st</sup>) Block Harbor is a fantasy port of call that beckons children to come and play and explore. Children discover “jobs” people do on a ship and let their imaginations set sail!

**Big Games** – Kids play Chess with life-sized pieces, giant Dominoes, Bowling, Lite Brite, Connect Four and Ball Toss. Build your own log cabin with our unique wooden Builder-Boards. Located in our sunlight-filled connector building, Big Games offers fun, exercise and some strategic thinking opportunities!

**Sea of Boats** – Our outdoor, sea-faring play space features a tugboat, a rowboat and a motorboat (weather permitting).

**Ladder 11** – Pretend you’re a firefighter and learn about fire safety by ringing the bell, sliding down the pole, trying on the gear, hooking up a hose and jumping aboard our authentic 1941 Seagrave fire truck retrofitted for little kids.

***The Staten Island Children’s Museum is housed in a building owned by the City of New York and its operation is made possible, in part, with public funds provided through the NYC Dept. of Cultural Affairs, the Office of the Mayor and The New York City Council. Significant support for education programs is also provided by New York State Council on the Arts, Target, Con Edison and the Trustees of the Museum.***