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FAMILY GUIDE



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Fall 2012

Dear fellow St. Louis families,

All of us who call St. Louis home are fortunate to have a globally-renown “backyard.” Where else other than St. Louis could you trek through a tropical rainforest, re-experience the World’s Fair, get in touch with your inner Renoir, gaze across our galaxy, and watch a hippo glide underwater...all in one weekend?

On behalf of the Zoo Museum District institutions—Missouri Botanical Garden, Missouri History Museum, Saint Louis Art Museum, Saint Louis Science Center, and Saint Louis Zoo—we invite you to think of us as your extended backyard. Your place of discovery, learning and family fun. This quick-reference guide profiles just some of ways families with children of all ages can explore and benefit from these cultural gems of St. Louis.

So what are you waiting for? Come visit us!

Sincerely,

Your Zoo Museum District friends
and fellow St. Louisans

Missouri Botanical Garden



Saint Louis Art Museum





4344 Shaw Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 577-5100



Located in the historic Botanical Heights neighborhood of St. Louis, Missouri Botanical Garden has invited families with children of all ages to “dig deeper” into the world around them for more than 150 years. Today, the Garden offers many ways for families to connect with nature’s beauty and bounty in big and small ways throughout the year.

The Garden is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and is free to St. Louis city and county residents every Wednesday and Saturday, from 9 a.m. to noon. In addition, the 2.5 acre Doris I. Schnuck Children’s Garden is free for St. Louis city and county residents every Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. And throughout the summer, the Garden plays host to the popular and free Whitaker Music Festival on Wednesday evenings, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Youth and Family Programs

Throughout the year, there are many opportunities for families to explore the Garden together!

- Special events & festivals
- Great Green Adventures
- Parent & Child classes
- Scout programs & sleepovers

To learn more about all the family friendly ways to explore the Missouri Botanical Garden, visit: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/learn-discover.aspx

Teen Opportunities

High school students interested in the great outdoors, the environment, ecology and service learning have many opportunities to connect with like-minded teens from across the region. Learn more at: www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/learn-discover/students-teachers/student-opportunities.aspx

Other St. Louis Area Attractions

In addition to the main Garden, the Sophia M. Sachs Butterfly House (Chesterfield, MO) and Shaw Nature Reserve (Gray Summit, MO, just 2 exits west of Six Flags), offer family friendly experiences with nature’s wonders year-round.

Employment Opportunities

www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/about/additional-information/jobs.aspx

Volunteer Opportunities

www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/about/additional-information/volunteer.aspx

Come grow with us!

Missouri History Museum

5700 Lindell Boulevard
St. Louis, MO 63112
(314) 746-4599



The Missouri History Museum hosts exciting programs for students and families all year long. The museum is easily accessible from the Forest Park MetroLink station and the 90 bus. We are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and stay open until 8 p.m. on Tuesdays. General admission to the Museum is free. Tickets to special exhibits are free or discounted for city and county residents on Tuesdays from 2 to 8 p.m.

Youth and Family Programs

These programs and events are designed to allow families to interact with each other while learning and enjoying themselves in the museum and include:

- Storytelling
- Summer Family Fun Series
- Make-and-Take Workshops
- Family Films
- Parent & Me Programs
- Girl Scout & Cub Scout Programs
- Second Sunday Celebrations
- Theatre and Performances

You can find details and sign up for our Youth and Family Programs e-newsletter on our website: www.mohistory.org/education-and-events/youth-family or call (314) 746-4599 for more information.

Youth Learning and Employment Opportunities

Teens Make History is our award-winning work-based learning program for teens. Interested youth apply to attend our eight-week mini museum studies course, the Teens Make History Academy, where they will learn about every aspect of museum work. Successful graduates of the academy may apply to work as apprentices in our theatre, exhibitions and other programs. To learn more: visit www.mohistory.org or call (314) 746-4436.

Corner Pocket Arts Workshops for students 12–17. The Missouri History Museum supports the Urban Artist Alliance for Child Development (UAACD) in offering a series of teen workshops throughout the year. Visit our website: www.mohistory.org or call (314) 361-9017 for more information.

Please join us!

SAINT LOUIS ART MUSEUM

1 Fine Arts Drive
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 721-0072



The Saint Louis Art Museum invites families and children to experience art throughout the year. We are open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and stay open until 9 p.m. on Fridays. Admission to the Museum is free every day. Admission to featured exhibitions is free on Friday. We are located at the top of Art Hill across from the statue of St. Louis. There are two MetroLink stops within walking distance. The Skinker MetroLink Stop is about .8 of a mile from the Museum (8–10 minute walk), and the Forest Park MetroLink Stop is at the intersection of DeBaliviere Avenue and Forest Park Parkway to the North of Forest Park.

Family Programs

Family Sundays: Drop in every Sunday afternoon anytime between 1 to 4 p.m. for free, hands-on art activities and a lively 30 minute family tour through the galleries. Each month's activities focus on a different, family-friendly theme. Family tour leaves at 2:30 pm.

Classes & Workshops: Each of these child-centered workshops combines a playful visit to the galleries with an art activity. Adults participate and create along with children—no experience necessary. Pre-registration is required. Fee: \$10 per person, per workshop (\$8 Members).

Summer Film Series: Join us Friday evenings in July for film, music, and food outdoors on Art Hill.

Community Programs

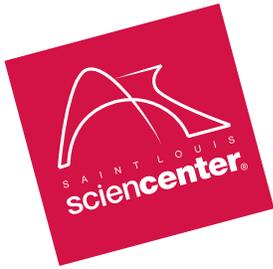
We also offer exciting individual or group activities for learners of all ages to connect with the Museum's collection.

- Guided Group Tours
- Youth Group Programs
- Youth Outreach—Art With Us
- Teen Arts Council
- Family & Cultural Celebrations

Employment and Volunteer Opportunities

The Museum offers many exciting opportunities to apply or volunteer, including paid fellowships and teen assistants. To learn more about the Museum's program offerings, visit www.slam.org.

Come explore art with us!



5050 Oakland Avenue
St. Louis, MO 63139
(314) 289-4400



The Saint Louis Science Center seeks “to ignite and sustain an interest in life-long science and technology learning” in the greater St. Louis area. Admission to the museum is free. The Science Center is open Monday through Saturday 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In the summer, the museum is open an hour later. Parking costs \$10. Tickets to special exhibitions and shows can be purchased at the door or in advance at (314) 289-4400.

Youth and Family Programs:

These programs and events engage individuals of all ages in scientific inquiries and hands-on learning experiences.

- OMNIMAX Films
- Discovery Room
- Life Science Benches
- Paleontology Dig Site
- Planetarium Shows
- LEGO Mindstorm
- Special Exhibits
- Summer Camps
- Holidays Camps
- Family Science Saturday
- Camp-Ins
- Girl & Boy Scout Programs
- First Friday Night Events

Visit our website: www.slsc.org or call (314) 289-4400 for details.

Volunteers and Employment Opportunities

Volunteers at the Science Center help us by lending their time and area of expertise. You could make new and lasting friendships, be exposed to some of the most cutting-edge programs in the science museum field, and experience professional growth and cultural development. For more information, call us at (314) 289-4412 or email at volunteer@slsc.org.

Science Off Center’s website, an extension of the Saint Louis Science Center’s main site, offers a new science related blog and a fun, at-home science experiment each week. www.scienceoffcenter.org is great for students, teachers, parents, and science enthusiasts.

Join us in exploring science!



One Government Drive
St. Louis, MO 63110
(314) 781-0900



A day at the Saint Louis Zoo is one of the most fun and affordable ways for families to spend time together. The Zoo is open daily (except December 25 and January 1) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., with extended hours during the summer. Admission to the Zoo is free.

The Saint Louis Zoo is home to over 19,000 exotic animals, many of them rare and endangered. Be sure to visit Sea Lion Sound, our spectacular new home for sea lions featuring underwater views of the animals with a walk-through tunnel for visitors.

Family Programs

Throughout the year, the Saint Louis Zoo offers many opportunities for families to play and learn together.

- Programs for families: www.stlzoo.org/education/programsforindividualsfami/
- Special events: www.stlzoo.org/events/calendarofevents/
- Scout programs: www.stlzoo.org/education/programsforscoutsoryouthgr/

Saint Louis Zoo Visual Schedule

This resource is designed to help parents and caregivers of individuals with autism and other special needs make the most of their visit to the Zoo. www.stlzoo.org/visit/zooservices/visual-schedule/

Teen Opportunity

Zoo ALIVE is the Saint Louis Zoo's volunteer educator program for high school age students. To learn more, visit www.stlzoo.org/education/zooaliveteenvolunteers/

Employment Opportunities

www.stlzoo.org/about/contact/employment/currentjobopenings/

Association of Zoos and Aquariums

AZA accredited zoos and aquariums are some of the best places for you and your family to get connected to nature and become engaged in conservation action. Not only can you learn how to help protect endangered species and wildlife habitat, but you can also find out about recycling and energy conservation and other ways to help our planet. www.aza.org

Can you come out and play?

OTHER GREAT ST. LOUIS FAMILY RESOURCES

Explore St. Louis: The St. Louis Convention & Visitors Commission has compiled a great website listing kid-friendly, family-oriented activities across the greater St. Louis region. Whether it's Critter Stuff like an animal encounter or trip to the Zoo, Fun Stuff including amusement and water parks, Wacky Stuff to explore, Artsy Stuff where you can dig in and get your hands dirty or Smart Stuff that combines entertainment and education—you can find something just right for your family in St. Louis. **Plus, lots of places are FREE!**

www.explorestlouis.com/visit-explore/discover/st-louis-kids

Gateway Children's Nature Connection: This organization is coalitions of existing organizations in the Greater St. Louis areas helping parents re-connect their children with nature. For a list of events and resources, visit: www.gatewaycnc.org/gatewaycnc.org/Home.html

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