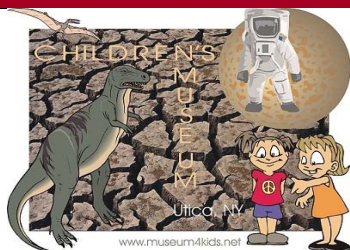


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Dear Scout Leaders: **As you plan your field trips**, we wanted to remind you of the Exhibits and Activities - **meeting your scout's Merit Badge requirements** with our **100's of Interactive Exhibits in 60 Pavilions on 4 floors** – all close by! Among the badge requirements that can be completed by a visit to our Children's Museum are: American Cultures, Archaeology, Architecture, Communications, Energy, Insect Study, Radio, Railroading, and Water Sports.

We believe you'll find we complement your merit badge topics by adding a memorable hands-on dimension to your scouts learning experience, helping them earn their badges in a more interesting way. You can take scouts through exhibits on your own with a visit schedule and activity sheet provided or you can book a visit & program with our skilled educators, which includes pre- & post-visit materials.

Our 1st floor features **Exploration Space**, with several "stores", including a **Microbiology Room**, a **Grocery Store**, a **Bank**, and a **NetSafety Room**. Also featured on this floor is our **PlaySpace** for Toddlers 3 years of age and younger, a life-size **Wooden Train** for children of all ages, and a **Hyperbolic Funnel**.

Our 2nd floor features our **Iroquois Longhouse** with interactive kiosks; **Paleontology/Fossil Dig** center & **Dinorama**; unique **History Diorama**; & **Erie Canal** exhibit's importance to NYS growth. Our **new LED PlayDance Floor** lets youngsters burn off pent up energy while demonstrating green energy.

Our 3rd floor **Living Science Center** features critters & insects, including our **Butterfly Farm & Active Beehive**. Also on this floor are our **Weather Room's** live weather station, our **Radio Room's** live radio station, our **History Wall's** cultural settlers, and our new History & Science **Touch Screen** Exhibits.

Our 4th floor houses our exciting **NASA exhibits** (**Mars Rover, Lunar Lander, and Shuttle**) plus an interactive **Space Scale**, a **History of Exploration** multimedia exhibit, **Airplanes**, & an **Astronomy Room**.

A visit to the Children's Museum is both educational and enjoyable, where children learn by doing! As NYS Senator Joe Griffo and NYS Assemblywoman RoAnn Desito said, "A vital community resource, *The Children's Museum is a tremendous educational asset for the area's youth*".

Plan on a 2 hour visit to take advantage of all we offer (or 3 hrs with a bag lunch & program). Our completely handicapped accessible climate controlled building provides a comfortable environment, no matter what the weather. Visits or Programs are easy to arrange. Call us at (315) 724-6129 or schedule them on-line at www.museum4kids.net. We recommend you book early as popular dates get taken quickly. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call or email us at marlenebrown@roadrunner.com

Research has shown it is never too early to open a child's eyes to the wonders of science and technology, disciplines of the future, with elementary level the "sticky" time when memories are made and retained, with museums having the power to create those memories.

Thank you for considering the Children's Museum as a supplement to your scouting activities. We look forward to hosting you in our enjoyably educational Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science, and Technology. Also, a reminder to enter your students in our March Science Fair.

Sincerely, *Marlene B. Brown*, Executive Director & *Theresa Vella*, Front Office Manager

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One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, founded in 1963, the only Children's Museum to have been adopted by both NASA and the Dept of Energy's Office of Science. Permanently chartered by the NYS Board of Regents, meeting NYS Learning Standards in Arts, SS & MST, housed in a NYS & Federal historic building, our 100's of hands-on exhibits on 4 floors provide an educationally enjoyable experience for kids from 1 to 101.