

# NATIONAL CHILDREN'S museum

The National Children's Museum is scheduled to open in 2013 at National Harbor, but you can visit us every day at the *Launch Zone* at National Harbor!



The *Launch Zone* is located at:  
112 Waterfront St.  
National Harbor, MD 20745

For more information, visit our website at [www.ncm.museum](http://www.ncm.museum).

scheduled to open in 2013,  
The National Children's  
Museum will be:



- A new and different concept—both onsite and online—devoted to inspiring children to care about and improve the world.
- A world-class, experiential Museum featuring fun and engaging exhibits for children ages 6 months to 12 years.
- An interactive, virtual community with games, e-zibits, resources, and safe opportunities to connect children around the world.
- A resource for parents, teachers, and others providing access to up-to-date information and a network of partners and service opportunities.
- A place to learn about and discuss national policy issues that affect the lives of children and families.
- A gateway that provides children with access to opportunities to get involved and make a difference both as individuals and members of their communities

We want to hear from you!  
Let us know what you want to see and do at the new National Children's Museum. Visit us at [www.ncm.museum](http://www.ncm.museum) to share your feedback and sign up to receive our free e-newsletter.

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## MUSEUM WITHOUT WALLS



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### SEPTEMBER

Visit us now at many of our upcoming  
Museum Without Walls  
community events!

Activities in **BLACK** take place at the NCM Launch Zone at National Harbor.

Activities in **BLUE** take place in the community.

SEPTEMBER

## 01 WEDNESDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Insect Mania!

If you like Cirque du Soleil's show "OVO," you'll love this hands-on journey into the creepy, crawly world of insects. Unearth the ecosystems where insects live and learn about their complex bodies. Enjoy live and preserved insects and make a fun, insect-inspired craft.

## 03 FRIDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Insect Mania!

See September 1 description.

## 04 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. Insect Mania!

See September 1 description.

## 06 MONDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Insect Mania!

See September 1 description.

## 11 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Insect Mania!

See September 1 description.

For this final program, Cirque du Soleil will bring a colorful duo of ambient performers and an informative promo squad to the *Launch Zone* to get families excited about *Insect Mania!* and their latest show! In addition, they will provide an interactive OVO photo exposition with bright, large photos of the performance to help teach kids more about the bugs of OVO and *Insect Mania!*



## 11 SATURDAY, NOON - 4 P.M. Kennedy Center Open House Arts Festival

The Kennedy Center Open House Arts Festival kicks off the Center's three-week-long *Celebrate Mexico 2010* with a free day of fun for the whole family. Join the celebration as NCM offers hands-on, cultural activities.

*The Kennedy Center's Celebrate Mexico 2010 commemorates Mexico's 200 years of Independence from the Spanish Crown (1810) and 100 years since the 1910 Revolution, featuring both ticketed and free performances and exhibitions. The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, 2700 F St., NW, Washington, DC 20566.*

## 14 TUESDAY, 10:30 - 11:45 A.M. Wee Wonders' Greatest Shapes on Earth!

The circus has come to town and it's the perfect time to explore and practice colors and shapes! This fun, fast-paced program typically includes stories, games, art, music, experiments, drama, and movement for adults and children to experience together. A different Wee Wonders topic is offered each month; join us for all of them!

*Note: Please notify [LaunchZone@ncm.museum](mailto:LaunchZone@ncm.museum) if participants have any food allergies when registering.*

*For ages 2-3 with a parent/caregiver. Limit two children per adult; all non-infant children with an adult must pay and must participate; additional siblings are not permitted. Fee: \$10 per child. Online pre-registration and advance payment (by check or credit card only) is required by the Monday prior to the event. Please visit [www.ncm.museum/launch\\_zone/events](http://www.ncm.museum/launch_zone/events) to register and pay.*

## 18 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Under the Big Top

Do you have what it takes to be a circus performer? Walk the NCM tightrope, try your hand at plate spinning, and have your face painted. Make your own juggling ball and learn how to use it and other lofty juggling props. Come one, come all!



## 19 SUNDAY, NOON - 6 P.M. 29th Annual Hispanic Festival

Bring your family and friends to celebrate the rich heritage of our Hispanic communities! Take part in cultural dances and sample the cuisine from a variety of countries. Held on 40 acres of beautiful park, enjoy live entertainment, dance performances, ethnic foods, an interactive children's area, carnival rides and games, craft booths, a teen area, exhibitors/displays, face painting, music, pony rides, and much more as NCM presents family friendly programs.

*Hispanic Festival takes place at Lane Manor Park, 7601 West Park Drive & University Boulevard, Adelphi, MD 20783. For more information, visit [www.pgparcs.com/page9833.aspx](http://www.pgparcs.com/page9833.aspx).*

## 21 TUESDAY, 10:30 - 11:45 A.M. Wee Wonders' Greatest Shapes on Earth!

See September 14 description.

## 24 FRIDAY, NOON - 1:15 P.M. Wee Wonders' Greatest Shapes on Earth!

See September 14 description.

## 25 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M. Under the Big Top

See September 18 description.

## 25 SATURDAY, 11 A.M. - 6 P.M. Clearwater Nature Center's Nature Fair

Enjoy fun activities including animal shows, nature games, crafts, educational presentations, and performances by "Billy B," the Natural Science Song & Dance Man. Join NCM in a family friendly program. Admission and most activities are free. There are nominal fees for some games and food.

*Clearwater Nature Center's Nature Fair takes place at Clearwater Nature Center, 11000 Thrift Road, Clinton, MD 20735. For more information, visit [www.pgparcs.com](http://www.pgparcs.com).*

