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**National Children's Museum Announces New Hours of Operation**  
*Changes include Monday closures and expanded benefits for military families*

**NATIONAL HARBOR, MD (June 4, 2013)** – Effective Sunday, June 9, the National Children's Museum (NCM) will change its operating hours and military family policy. Under the new hours, the Museum will be open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. The Museum will be closed on Mondays.

The Museum is expanding its discount program for active duty military personnel and families. Rather than offering a military discount one day a week, NCM will give \$1 off each admission (up to four people) on Saturdays and Sundays with valid military identification.

While the Museum will no longer offer any extended summer hours in June as previously announced, families can still enjoy an evening of free admission and programming each month through Free Family Nights sponsored by GEICO. Free Family Nights will take place from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursday, June 20; Thursday, July 18; Thursday, Aug. 15; Friday, Sept. 20; Friday, Oct. 18; Friday, Nov. 15; and Friday, Dec. 20.

The Museum will continue to offer private playdates and programs for school groups and summer camps under the new operating hours. Parents may now reserve private playdates for Tuesday through Sunday, while schools, camps and other organizations can reserve group visits for Wednesday through Sunday. Visitors interested in scheduling a playdate or group trip should contact [events@ncm.museum](mailto:events@ncm.museum) for more information and availability.

Since opening at National Harbor in December 2012, the National Children's Museum has welcomed more than 110,000 visitors and has more than 2,000 member families.

The National Children's Museum is located at 151 St. George Blvd. in National Harbor, Md. Standard admission is \$10 per child or adult and \$8 for seniors ages 65 and up. There is no cost of admission for infants 12 months or younger.

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**About National Children's Museum**

The National Children's Museum (NCM) is a world-class cultural and educational center ([www.ncm.museum](http://www.ncm.museum)) that inspires children to care about and improve the world. NCM opened in Dec. 2012 at National Harbor in Prince George's County, Md. After operating as a "museum without walls" for several years, the Museum is now Greater Washington's premier family attraction and the only national museum dedicated especially to children and their families and caregivers. NCM was designated by Congress in 2003 and was founded in 1974 as the Capital Children's Museum.