

## Free and Reduced-Cost Programs and Events

The Children's Museum of Indianapolis believes that all children and families—regardless of income—should be able to visit the museum and experience everything it has to offer. Thanks to philanthropic contributions from individuals, foundations, government agencies and corporations, the museum is excited to offer programs and special events for free or at a substantially reduced cost.



### Free Admission Days

The museum offers free admission on five days each year: Martin Luther King Jr. Day (January), Presidents Day (February), Juneteenth Jamboree (June), Fiesta de la Familia (September) and Christmas Eve (Dec. 24) until 2 p.m.

### Free Membership Programs

#### Foster Family Membership Program

The museum provides a free one-year membership to licensed Indiana foster parents and their families. This program, launched in 2009, is a collaborative effort with the Indiana Department of Child Services.

#### Neighborhood Club Membership

Those living in one of the six Mid-North neighborhoods surrounding the museum (Crown Hill, Highland Vicinity, Historic Meridian Park, Historic Watson Park, Mapleton-Fall Creek and Meridian Highland) are eligible for a free one-year membership as part of **The Children's Museum Neighborhood Club**. Residents are also invited to special events throughout the year and receive other exclusive neighborhood perks.

### Reduced Admission

#### First Thursday Nights

On the first Thursday of each month, from 4–8 p.m., admission is just \$6 per person to visit the museum and the *Riley Children's Health Sports Legends Experience*<sup>®</sup>. Outdoor sports experiences are open March–November.

#### Access Pass

In partnership with other Indiana cultural institutions, the museum is proud to make fun family learning more accessible with Access Pass. Access Pass cardholders can visit all participating attractions and 11 Indiana historic sites for just \$2 per person per visit. Indiana residents who have or receive state assistance from one of the following programs qualify:

- Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP)
- Healthy Indiana Plan (Basic and Plus)

- Hoosier Care Connect
- Hoosier Healthwise Insurance
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Hoosier Works
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Traditional Medicaid
- Valid Indiana foster care license
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)



Museum Apprenticeship Program (MAP) participants showcase their books at a book launch party inside infoZone.

Applicants must provide proof of enrollment in one of the programs and a government-issued ID. For more information about qualifications and to see the list of participating organizations, visit [childrensmuseum.org/access-pass](http://childrensmuseum.org/access-pass).

### Military Recognition Program

Military personnel receive a 10% discount on admission, but tickets must be redeemed or purchased on-site, as proof of eligibility is required. In honor of Veterans Day, the museum hosts a special Veterans Appreciation Day in November when all past and active military members receive free admission and their family members receive a discount.

## Community Resources

### Youth Programs

Neighborhood children ages 6–12 are invited to participate in **StarPoint Summer Camp**, a multidisciplinary, full-day summer program that engages youths and their families with various activities based on museum exhibits. Those 13–18 years old may participate in the **Museum Apprenticeship Program (MAP)**, which introduces participants to the arts, sciences and humanities in a real work environment (similar to an internship).

### School Groups

The museum offers reduced-price admission to schools and free facilitated programs during school visits. The museum also offers free online educational resources, such as lesson plans.

### infoZone

This branch of the Indianapolis Public Library system is always free. The 3,000-square-foot library is the country's only public library located within a museum. It includes computer stations and approximately 10,000 books, with access to thousands more that can be reserved through the library system.

## Other Ways to Save

### Plan-Ahead Pricing

Visitors can save money when planning ahead—as much as 20% by buying tickets at least two weeks in advance. Purchasing even one day in advance will still save visitors money. Prices are posted on the museum's online pricing calendar.

*Note: The museum is closed on Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas, as well as most Mondays from September through mid-May.*

### Parking

Parking is always FREE in the museum's parking garage on Illinois Street just north of 30th Street or in any of three surface lots (also located on Illinois Street).