



Bay Area Discovery Museum

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Tues-Fri, 9am-4pm
Sat-Sun, 10am-5pm

ADMISSION
\$8 children (1-17)
\$10 adults
\$8 seniors (62+)
Free under 1 & members

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Events for Children and Families for December 2007

REMINDER: Museum Admission Pricing Update

Please update all listings to reflect our new pricing **effective October 3, 2007:**

\$8 children 1 – 17

\$8 seniors 62+

\$10 adults

Children under 1 and members are free

Join us for FREE from 1 – 5 p.m. on the Second Saturday of each month: December 8, 2007.

Museum Schedule Update

The Museum will be open on Monday, December 17.

The Museum will be closed on December 24 – 25 for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and December 31 – January 1 for New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Special Exhibitions

Adventures with Clifford The Big Red Dog™

October 6, 2007 – January 6, 2008

Board the Birdwell Island ferry and journey to the world of Clifford™, the beloved big red dog with a heart to match. See Emily Elizabeth™ and all the residents of Birdwell Island. Visit all of Clifford's favorite places on the island, including Clifford's doghouse, and a colossal nine-foot Clifford with a tail kids can slide down, just like Emily Elizabeth does. Kids can help fill Clifford's big dog bowl with bones using a conveyor belt. Create sand art and find "bone-ified" treasurers at T-Bone's Beach.

The exhibit offers numerous immersive "paws-on" adventures that reinforce "Clifford's Big Ideas." These 10 simple, tangible, life lessons are designed to help young children navigate their world: Share, Play Fair, Have Respect, Work Together, Be Responsible, Be Truthful, Be Kind, Believe in Yourself, Be a Good Friend and Help Others.

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Special Clifford Events: Doggie Days

Get up close and "paws-sonal" with Clifford the Big Red Dog—don't forget your camera—and meet with dogs who are our friends, companions and helpers during Doggie Days.

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Meet Clifford in person:
December 15
10 a.m. – noon

December 1, 8
1 – 3 p.m.

Meet Helpful Dogs
Saturday, December 8
11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Meet wonderful animals from the Marin Humane Society who are available for adoption and learn more about animals, behavior and training.

Dog Gone Fun
With special Guest Appearance by Clifford The Big Red Dog
Saturday, December 1
11 a.m.

Ages 3 & up
Members \$6; General \$8
Register online.

Swivel Arts brings its signature brand of interactive performance to the Bay Area Discovery Museum. With puppets, songs and dance, this “paws-on” performance will give your kids something to BARK about! Find out more about Swivel Arts at www.swivelarts.com.

Special Events: 12th Annual Gingerbread Architecture Extravaganza

Saturdays
December 1, 8, 15, 22
Sundays
December 2, 9, 16, 23
Weekdays
December 17 – 21
11 a.m., noon & 1 p.m.
\$20 per gingerbread kit.
Pre-registration required.
Register online.

Let your imagination run wild as you create the most delightful gingerbread house on the block, festooned with candy canes, gumdrops, frosting and other treats. Don't miss the sweetest event of the holiday season.

Thank you to Beth's Fine Desserts for its support of Gingerbread Architecture Extravaganza.

Special Holiday Performances: Dmitri Matheny's The SnowCat

Saturday
December 15, 22 & 29
11 a.m.
Ages 2 & up
Members \$8; General \$10
Ticket price includes a free SnowCat coloring book for each child.

Back by popular demand, the Museum is delighted to present The SnowCat this holiday season. Jazz flugelhornist and composer Dmitri Matheny and his talented band weave a magical, musical tale of

adventure and friendship set in the heart of San Francisco. The story of a little girl searching for her missing cat is woven together through vocals, jazz and projected images. The SnowCat reveals the spirit of thankfulness that make the holiday season such a wonderful time of the year.

Special Event: Bay Area Discovery Museum's Annual Kwanzaa Celebration

Wednesday

December 26

African Queens performance

11 a.m. & 1 p.m.

Free Museum admission and performances!

Please obtain your free performance ticket from the Front Desk prior to entering the Theatre.

Habari Gani? (traditional Kwanzaa greeting that means, What is the news?) Join us for this joyous African-American celebration of family and community. Experience the rich traditions of Kwanzaa, featuring a celebration of African-American culture through hands-on activities, performances and food. The word "Kwanzaa" is a Swahili word for "First Fruits of the Harvest." Nguzo Saba, the seven guiding principles of Kwanzaa, are unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity and faith – all wonderful personal values to be reminded of as you start a new year.

Celebrate Kwanzaa throughout the Museum with art projects inspired by the African continent and a Kwanzaa altar in the Museum's Entry Pavilion. Free performances by the African Queens will be presented in the Discovery Theater at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. Through African dance, the girls, ages 7 to 18, develop their creative talents as well as build self esteem, social responsibility and leadership skills.

Weekday Programs

Bangin' Twangin' & Shakin' with Miss Kitty

Wednesdays & Thursdays

October 3 – December 13

10 & 11 a.m.

No performances on November 22

Ages 6 months – 5 years

Members (child) \$5; General (child) \$6

Adults free with child.

Drop-in only, no registration required.

Clap, jump, wiggle and sing to the delightful music of Miss Kitty! Program lasts 30 minutes.

Music Together®

Flutes Collection

10-week session

Tuesday, October 9 – December 11

Friday, October 5 – December 14

9:15, 10:15 & 11:15 a.m.

No classes Friday, November 23

Ages 6 months – 4 years with caregiver

Members: \$200 first child

General: \$245 first child, includes museum admission

Additional sibling: \$180

Pre-registration required.

Register online.

Join instructor Stacy Walden for Music Together®, an internationally recognized approach to early childhood music development featuring music and movement. Tuition includes a beautifully illustrated songbook and two-CD set, along with a parent education guide. Sessions last 45 minutes.

Drop-in Activities (Free with Museum admission)

Daily Exhibition Demonstrations & Programs

Ages 1 – 5

Join us for daily demonstrations and hands-on early-learner, science and art programs. Kids five and younger get a head start on fun with special story time and music programs. Check the activity board at the front desk for daily activities.

Science by the Bay Series

Ages 4 & up

Boat Building (Wave Workshop)

Sunday, December 2

3 – 4:30 p.m.

What's in the Mud?

Presented by the Romberg Tiburon Center

Saturday, December 8

2 – 4 p.m.

Creative Exploration Workshops

Ages 4 & up

Ornaments (Studio 10)

Saturday, December 15

3 – 4 p.m.

Wednesday, December 19 & Friday, December 21

2 – 3 p.m.

Art Studios: Ongoing Projects

December:

Peace Doves (Studio 5)

Kwanzaa-inspired paper weaving and African printing (Studio 10)

About the Bay Area Discovery Museum

Located at the foot of the Golden Gate Bridge, the nationally recognized Bay Area Discovery Museum is a one-of-a-kind indoor/outdoor family museum that offers a full range of activities for children ages 8 and younger. The Museum's unique programs feature hands-on art and science exhibits, performances, workshops, cultural festivals and special events -- all with a focus on fun!

Families can explore a life-size shipwreck in Lookout Cove, climb aboard a real fishing boat, encounter a simulated tide pool, net plastic crabs in Bay Hall, create art in Studios 5 & 10, discover science in Wave Workshop, and romp in the Tot Spot, an interactive learning environment for kids 43" and under.

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