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THE BASICS

Our Mission and Vision

- The Museum of Science and Industry's mission: to inspire the inventive genius in everyone by presenting captivating and compelling experiences that are real and educational.
- The Vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering.

Who's Coming Through the Doors

- In 2017, nearly 1.5 million guests visited the Museum.
- The Museum hosted more than 365,000 school children on field trips in 2017, making MSI the number one field trip destination for the ninth consecutive year.
- Approximately 40 percent of our guests visit for free.

A Student and Teacher Resource

- The Museum has taken a leadership role in science education by creating and expanding the Welcome to Science Initiative, with innovative programs that empower teachers, engage the community, and excite students and Museum guests.
- About 500,000 students and teachers are engaged with MSI and our science education programs each year.
- About 1,000 middle-school teachers participate in science teacher education courses each year.
- Our network of 130+ after-school Science Minors Clubs have the capacity to reach 10,000 children a year with fun, hands-on science.
- Our Science Achievers program trained 98 students to become guides and teachers to more than 15,000 Museum guests, further developing their leadership skills and improving communication techniques.
- About 19,000 students dove deep into timely science topics like medicine, civil engineering and space travel through participation in MSI's Learning Labs.
- MSI's Jr. Science Cafes and annual Science Works career event connected 8,000 young people and their families with STEM professionals to learn about STEM careers.

Find MSI Online/Mobile

- MSI's website, msichicago.org, receives more than 5 million visitors a year and contains more than 4,000 pages of original content on Museum information, exhibits, at-home science activities, and teacher and student resources. In early 2016, MSI launched its updated website to appeal to more audiences and be more mobile-friendly.
- The Museum is on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. "Like" the Museum on Facebook by visiting facebook.com/msichicago, "follow" the Museum on Twitter at @msichicago,

check out our photos on Instagram @msichicago or find us on YouTube at youtube.com/msichicago to receive daily updates on the Museum's events, activities, fun science facts and new videos or commercials.

- Discover MSI's science apps and games—including Code Fred: Survival Mode, goREACT (for iOS and Android), and Virtual Heart (for iPad). Find these and more at msichicago.org/apps.

When to Come for a Visit

- Regular hours are 9:30 – 4 p.m. every day.
- Extended hours (until 5:30 p.m. each day) are offered during peak periods throughout 2018:
 - January 2 – 5, 15th
 - March 24 – 31
 - April 2 – April 8
 - May 26
 - Late open May 27 (11 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.)
 - May 28 – 31
 - June, every day
 - July, every day except Thursday, July 19
 - August, every day
 - September 1 – 3
 - November 17 – 18; 23 – 23
 - December 8 – 9; 15 – 16; 22 – 23; 26 - 30
- The Museum is open every day of the year except Thanksgiving and Christmas Day.

Admission Pricing

- Museum Entry pricing is \$21.95 and \$12.95 for children ages 3-11. City of Chicago residents receive a discount: \$16.95 for adults and \$9.95 for children ages 3-11. Ticket packages are available and include:
 - **Explorer 1** (Includes Museum Entry and one of the following: *Coal Mine*, U-505 Submarine, WOW! Tour, *Future Energy Chicago*, the Wanger Family Fab Lab or a Giant Dome Theater film) costs \$33.95 for adults and \$21.95 for children ages 3-11.
 - **Explorer 2** (Includes Museum Entry and two of the above) costs \$45.95 for adults and \$30.95 for children ages 3-11.
 - **Explorer 3** (Includes Museum Entry and three of the above) costs \$57.95 for adults and \$39.95 for children ages 3-11.
- The Museum is part of the Chicago CityPASS program, in which you can receive admission to five of the city's most famous attractions for one low price. Buy CityPASS at the Museum or online at citypass.com.
- Each year, MSI offers free Museum Entry for Illinois residents on a select group of days (52 of them! See below).

- Illinois teachers (pre-K – 12th grade), active military personnel, Chicago police and firefighters can receive free Museum Entry for themselves if they show a valid ID when purchasing tickets.

52 Free Days

- On the following dates in 2018, Museum Entry is free for Illinois residents:
 - January 8–11, 15–18, 22–25, 29–31
 - February 1, 5–8, 12–15, 20–22, 26–27
 - March 14
 - June 4–7, 11–12
 - September 4–6, 10–13, 17–20, 24–27
 - November 12

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