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MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, CHICAGO GIVING AWAY FREE SCIENCE KITS AND MUSEUM TICKETS TO CELEBRATE SUMMER LEARNING

CHICAGO (July 12, 2021)—Families can pick up a free science kit at select Chicago locations as part of the Summer Brain Games program from the Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI).

MSI is launching its 10th annual Summer Brain Games on July 12 to celebrate National Summer Learning Week. Kids are invited to explore science and creativity with hands-on activities like making bubble art and designing an animated flip book. Summer Brain Games helps combat the “summer brain drain,” where kids lose approximately three months of learning while they are out of school.

MSI is distributing 3,600 free science kits with activities that explore art and health. Each kit includes all the supplies needed along with step-by-step instructions (in English and Spanish), plus a voucher code for four free Museum tickets. These free science kits are available at select Chicago Public Library branches while supplies last.

Families who are unable to get a free science kit can still receive four free tickets to visit MSI by signing up at msichicago.org/summerbrain.

Pick-up locations include these Chicago Public Library branches:

- Altgeld, 955 E. 131st St.
- Austin, 5615 W. Race Ave.
- Back of the Yards, 2111 W. 47th St.
- Brighton Park, 4314 S. Archer Ave.
- Budlong Woods, 5630 N. Lincoln Ave.
- Chinatown, 2100 S. Wentworth Ave.
- Coleman, 731 E. 63rd St.
- Dunning, 7455 W. Cornelia Ave.
- Independence, 4022 N. Elston Ave.
- Legler Regional, 115 S. Pulaski Road
- Little Italy, 1336 W. Taylor St.
- Logan Square, 3030 W. Fullerton Ave.
- Merlo, 644 W. Belmont Ave.
- North Austin, 5724 W. North Ave.
- Portage-Cragin, 5108 W. Belmont Ave.
- Pullman, 11001 S. Indiana Ave.
- Scottsdale, 4101 W. 79th St.
- Sherman Park, 5440 S. Racine Ave.
- South Shore, 2505 E. 73rd St.

- Sulzer Regional, 4455 N. Lincoln Ave.
- Thurgood Marshall, 7506 S. Racine Ave.
- Toman, 2708 S. Pulaski Rd.
- West Chicago, 4856 W. Chicago Ave.
- West Englewood, 1745 W. 63rd St.
- Woodson Regional, 9525 S. Halsted St.

Each year MSI's team of science educators design fun, hands-on experiments for kids of all ages using items commonly found at home. Parents and caregivers who sign up online will receive emails with activity instructions and other science tips.

"Summer Brain Games is a great opportunity to further the Museum's goal of reaching students with science wherever they are, and the take-home science kits are available right in their neighborhoods," said Rex Babiera, ITW director of teaching and learning. "We want to keep kids' minds active and encourage their curiosity so they return to school ready to learn."

Summer Brain Games is sponsored by the CREATE Program / 75th Street Corridor Improvement Project.

About MSI

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family educational programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. The Museum is exceptionally grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414.

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