

what's happening

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hours and pricing



HOURS OF OPERATION

The Museum is open from 9:30 a.m. through 5:30 p.m. through the months of June, July, and August, except for July 20 and July 22; the Museum will open from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on these dates. The Museum is closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas.

ILLINOIS FREE DAYS

The Museum offers 52 free days for Illinois residents each year. Museum Entry is free for Illinois residents during these remaining dates in 2016: September 6-9, 12-16, 19-23, 26-30; October 4-6; November 3, 10; December 1.

PARKING

Parking in the Museum of Science and Industry's convenient underground garage is \$22.

MUSEUM ENTRY AND PRICING

\$18 for adults and \$11 for children 3-11. City of Chicago residents receive a discount as follows: \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 3-11.

Omnimax® films; the U-505 optional, on-board tour; the *Coal Mine*; the *WOW! Tour* and certain special exhibitions are not included in Museum Entry but can be added as part of a Museum Explorer ticket package. Check msichicago.org for show times, pricing and to purchase tickets online.

The Museum is part of the Chicago CityPASS program, in which guests 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.

featured exhibits and events, summer 2016



BRICK BY BRICK

Open through February 2017
Requires an additional, timed-entry ticket.

See the Roman Colosseum, the Burj Khalifa, and the International Space Station like you've never seen them before—in LEGO® form! This 7,000-square-foot exhibit features more than a dozen of the world's most iconic landmarks constructed by LEGO® Certified Professional and Chicago native Adam Reed Tucker. Guests are able to immerse themselves in the power of play with hands-on build challenges, and will learn how architects and engineers push the limits of design to make the seemingly impossible, possible.

Brick by Brick is sponsored by ArcelorMittal.



SUMMER BRAIN GAMES

June 16-August 8, 2016

Ready to go on an adventure? Summer Brain Games are back for a fifth year at MSI! Enjoy eight weeks of free and fun at-home science experiments—this year with a travel and exploration theme—designed to combat the “summer brain drain,” when kids lose months of critical learning. Kids of all ages will get firsthand experience with STEM subjects including engineering and physics as they launch a stomp glider, move a vehicle with propulsion, engineer a parachute and more! You'll receive a FREE Museum Entry voucher when you sign up (one ticket per household). More information available at msichicago.org.



DARPA: REDEFINING POSSIBLE

Open through September 5, 2016
Included in Museum Entry

Get an all-access pass to some of the most remarkable innovations that have kept the United States in the forefront of technology. This is a rare look into the United States' Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the organization behind the Internet, GPS devices, and Spot, the world's most technically advanced robotic dog. Guests can stand next to a 6-foot-2 humanoid robot, or peer into a “brain” fitted with a chip that could one day help those who have suffered traumatic brain injuries restore lost memories.

upcoming exhibits and events

SUMMER BRICK PARTY

10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday, July 16, 2016
Included in Museum Entry



The Museum is celebrating the power of play, and you're invited! Summer Brick Party invites families to take part in this LEGO®-themed bash featuring LEGO-inspired yoga courtesy of CorePower Yoga; creation stations, such as making a LEGO car and testing it on a race track; a caricature artist that will transform you into a LEGO Minifigure; live music from Ben and the Tatar Tots; and much more! WBEZ Chicago will also have a build-your-own podcast booth designed to teach guests about the recording process. A full schedule of events and programs will be available at msichicago.org.



MSI AFTER HOURS: BRICK BASH

7-10 p.m. Saturday, July 16, 2016
Ticket required

Enjoy cocktails, food and music inside the Museum after it closes during its inaugural after-hours soirée! In partnership with WBEZ Chicago, MSI After Hours: Brick Bash encourages guests 21 and older to tap into their imagination and play! Guests can build their own sliders and cocktails with the help from an experienced mixologist and listen in on a live taping of the "General Admission" podcast featuring LEGO® Certified Professional Adam Reed Tucker, the mastermind behind the Museum's *Brick by Brick* exhibit. Admission costs \$30 and includes free parking, snacks, a complimentary cocktail, and entry to *Brick by Brick* and other popular Museum exhibits. To purchase tickets, visit wbez.org/events.



CHICAGO SOUTHSIDE MINI MAKER FAIRE

11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, August 6, 2016
Ford City Mall, 7601 S. Cicero Avenue,
Chicago, IL 60652

Calling all inventors, innovators and makers. MSI is partnering with LevelUp teen maker-space and Ford City Mall for the fourth-annual Chicago Southside Mini Maker Faire! Experience all kinds of hands-on activities that celebrate the maker inside all of us. Learn about creativity, resourcefulness and invention through makers' projects, and make your own creations. This event is FREE to the public. More information can be found on the event website at <http://chicagosouthsidemakerfaire.com/>.



ABOVE AND BEYOND

Opening October 4, 2016
Included in Museum Entry

Looking back at the history of flight, one thing is clear: the sky was never the limit. Above and Beyond is packed with fun interactive challenges that will introduce you to the aircraft and spacecraft that are changing our lives and transforming our world. Design and test fly a supersonic jet. Pilot a drone into the eye of a hurricane to measure nature's fury. Spread your wings and experience flight as a bird or a futuristic wing-flapping aircraft. Or take an elevator ride to the edge of space.

Above and Beyond is made possible by Boeing. The exhibition is produced by Evergreen Exhibitions in association with Boeing, in collaboration with NASA and the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum.



MAURICE SENDAK: 50 YEARS, 50 WORKS, 50 REASONS

Opening November 10, 2016
Included in Museum Entry

Step into the fantastical imagination of Maurice Sendak, author and illustrator of the beloved Caldecott award-winning children's book titles in *Where the Wild Things Are*. In this exhibit, explore 50 original artworks by the creative genius including sketches, illustrations and works on paper. Many of the works are from private collections and friends of the artist, showcasing his range as an artist and author. Presidents, illustrators, friends and celebrities also share their words about the renowned author—how he inspired them, influenced their careers and touched their lives.

showing in the omnimax® theater



Omnimax® films are not included in Museum Entry, but are available in a ticket package.

GREAT WHITE SHARK

Unravel the mystery of the creature we love to fear in the newest Omnimax® film, *Great White Shark*. Guests will dive deep into the myths of the great white as the true story of its role atop the oceanic food chain surfaces. Narrated by acclaimed stage and screen actor Bill Nighy, the film examines what we know about great whites through the eyes of several people whose lives and work have become linked to these animals. *Great White Shark* partnered with conservation organizations Oceana and WildAid to educate guests about the dangers sharks face at the hands of their greatest



NATIONAL PARKS ADVENTURE

Experience the ultimate off-trail adventure into America's awe-inspiring great outdoors. For 100 years, beautiful places like Yellowstone, Yosemite, the Everglades, the Redwoods and Arches have been living monuments to the nation's vast and untamed wilderness. National Parks Adventure, narrated by Academy Award® winner Robert Redford, celebrates the majesty of these treasured landscapes. Join world-class mountaineer Conrad Anker, adventure photographer Max Lowe and artist Rachel Pohl as they bike, hike and climb their way across America's most pristine parks, revealing a tapestry of natural wonders that will inspire the adventurer in us all.

National Parks Adventure is sponsored locally by State Farm

special experiences



U-505: IN-DEPTH EXPERIENCE

This private tour of the U-505 *Submarine* takes place on select Saturday and Sunday mornings, before the Museum is open to the public. The tour begins with coffee, tea and a presentation about the capture, acquisition and restoration of the U-505. Then, take an in-depth guided tour of the exhibit, an on-board tour of the submarine and enjoy the rest of the day at the Museum.

2016 Tour Dates: Saturday, June 25; Saturday, July 9; Sunday, July 24; Sunday, August 7; Saturday, August 27

Cost: \$40 plus Museum Entry (adults, \$18; children ages 3-11, \$11)



WANGER FAMILY FAB LAB

Available in an Explorer ticket package.

This state-of-the-art digital fabrication laboratory features a small-scale workshop for computer-based innovation, design and fabrication. Guests can dream up, design and make almost anything you can imagine using cutting-edge software and equipment, like 3D printers, laser cutters and CAD workstations. Fab Lab users engage in problem-based learning and hands-on fabrication, becoming innovators of new projects and prototypes for limitless use and application. Depending on the session, the experience is 20 to 60 minutes.

permanent exhibit highlights



NUMBERS IN NATURE: A MIRROR MAZE

Included in Museum Entry, but requires a free, timed-entry ticket, available on site

Navigate an elaborate mirror maze to explore a seemingly infinite repeating pattern of mirrors! Interactive stations and artifacts allow you to explore shapes and forms in nature, the human body, and art and architecture. Step in front of a mirror that will reveal the patterns in your body. Learn how to produce digital animation with fractal branching—and more.



YOU! THE EXPERIENCE

Included in Museum Entry

Use your own heartbeat to make the Museum's 13-foot Giant Heart come alive. Get moving on a human-sized Hamster Wheel that provides real-time feedback on your body's responses to aerobic activity. *YOU! The Experience* lets you explore what it means to live a vital, healthy life in the 21st century, while experimenting with nearly 50 fun, interactive displays.



SCIENCE STORMS

Included in Museum Entry

Manipulate a 40-foot tornado and see the vapor whirling before you. Trigger an avalanche using a 20-foot avalanche disk. *Science Storms* unravels the mysteries of physics and chemistry through recreations of nature's most powerful phenomena—tornadoes, lightning, tsunamis and more.

museum offerings



OWN A PIECE OF MSI HISTORY!

MSI photographic prints for sale

The general public can now take home a piece of Museum history! Images representing the collection of MSI are now being offered as prints, posters, canvases and wall clings, providing a unique opportunity to experience the Museum's history, artifacts and exhibits at home or office. More than 260 select images are available at www.photography.msichicago.org. Proceeds from sales of the photographs will support the Museum's commitment to science education and its extensive teacher and student programming. Prices begin at \$20.

MUSEUM MEMBERSHIP

Enjoy all that MSI has to offer—jaw-dropping exhibits, hands-on science experiences and special member perks—while supporting award-winning education programs. Members receive unlimited free Museum Entry for an entire year, as well as passes to the Omnimax® Theater, discounted special exhibition passes, behind-the-scenes peeks, invitations to amazing family-friendly events throughout the year, and free or discounted parking at the Individual Premium level and up.

THE BRAIN FOOD COURT AND MUSEUM CAFÉ

Refuel and recharge during a visit to MSI! The Brain Food Court serves something for everyone in the family to enjoy—delicious hot lunches, convenient grab-and-go items and healthy menu options. Starbucks coffee drinks and other tasty treats are available at the Museum Café.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Just steps from Lake Michigan and minutes from downtown Chicago, MSI offers incredible spaces for transformative events. From meetings to parties to weddings, fabulous settings can be created throughout the Museum. Our culinary and event teams' impeccable attention to detail will bring your big idea to life.



social media



FACEBOOK

"Like" the Museum on Facebook and receive insider MSI knowledge, special offers, photos, updates and link up with other science-savvy Facebookers at: facebook.com/msichicago.



TWITTER

We are also "tweeting" science facts, news and MSI happenings on Twitter. Follow us and see where it leads: twitter.com/msichicago.



INSTAGRAM

See amazing photos of MSI favorites, behind-the-scenes action and more. Follow us—and be sure to tag us in your photos—[@msichicago](https://www.instagram.com/msichicago).



YOUTUBE

Check out videos from the Museum on our YouTube channel: youtube.com/msichicago.



PINTEREST

Follow the Museum on Pinterest to discover some of our favorite things—from exhibits to artifacts, experiments to scientists: pinterest.com/msichicago.



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