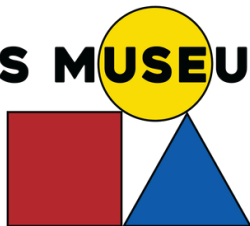


CHILDREN'S MUSEUM of the Shoals



August 2026 Newsletter

CMS MOMENTS!!!

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New Internship Program

Growing Future Leaders

The Children's Museum of the Shoals is proud to partner with Florence High School's Internship Program to provide students with meaningful, hands-on experiences in a nonprofit setting.

Our interns become part of the Museum family, learning valuable workplace skills while helping create fun, engaging experiences for the children and families we serve. We are honored to invest in the next generation and look forward to watching these young leaders grow and make a difference in our community.



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HIGH SCHOOL

AUGUST 2026



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HOURS.....TUESDAY-SATURDAY, 9AM-4PM PHONE NUMBER.....(256) 284-7107 WEBSITE.....WWW.CMSHOALS.ORG EMAIL.....INFO@CMSHOALS.ORG						Bubble Time 10:00-10:30
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Tuesday - Saturday
9:00-4:00

ART CLASS
with
Ms. Laren

Call us at 256-284-7107



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Programs



Curiosity Club

AUGUST SCHEDULE

10:30-11:30am
Classes are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

8/4-8/7	Ready Set School	Back to school sensory bin, bus and backpack craft, alphabet number game, apple and cheersticks.
	Builder's Block Party	Construction sensory bin, free building, construction craft, book.
	Blooming Sunflowers	Sunflower sensory bin, planting sunflowers, sunflower craft, book, goldfish, pretzels.
8/11-8/14	Food Group Explorers	Food group sensory bin, healthy plate craft, grocery relay game, jam, turkey, cheese & crackers.
	Rhythm Makers	Create guitars, drum shakers, music beads & dance, book, popcorn.
	Tie Dye Creations	Tie Dye T-shirts, sidewalk chalk, bubbles, book & popcicles.
8/18-8/21	Paw's and Rescue	Animal vet sensory bin, rescue pet and pet rescue badge craft, pretend vet clinic.
	Fresh from the Farm	Farm sensory bin, fruit / veggie craft farm relay game, apples, grapes, bananas.
	Superheroes Unit	Superheroes sensory bin, mask/shield craft, super power game, cupcake and punch.
8/25-8/28	Weather Wonders	Weather sensory bin, tornado in a bottle, rain cloud cup, rainbow craft, jello.
	Community Helpers	Community helper sensory bin, first aid kit, police car craft, Mystery bag game.
	Sweet Shop Surprise	Ice cream shop sensory bin, ice cream craft, book, sundae.

Call 256-284-7107
To book your spot today!

\$5 per day
Payment due upon booking

★ Bring your own tissue box or coffee can
😊 Bring your own t-shirts



PUPPET PLAY

= AT =

THE TREEHOUSE

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE SHOALS

Tuesday's 1:30-2:00
Every other Saturday 11:00am-11:30am

**FUN
MAGICAL
THEATRICAL
WHIMSICAL**

BRING YOUR LITTLE ONES FOR STORIES, LAUGHTER, AND PUPPET FUN!

INCLUDED WITH MUSEUM ADMISSION

Birthday Parties



BIRTHDAY PARTIES

MADE AWESOME!

Give your child a birthday they'll never forget!
Hands-on fun, exciting exhibits, and memories that last a lifetime. Play. Explore. Celebrate!



AVAILABLE TIMES:
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

- UP TO 15 CHILDREN and their parents/guardians
- \$300 MEMBERS
\$350 NON-MEMBERS
- \$50 DEPOSIT (non-refundable)
- ADDITIONAL GUESTS \$10 EACH

BOOK TODAY!
256-284-7107

Children's Museum of the Shoals
2810 Darby Drive

FOLLOW US!

Memberships

JOIN TODAY!



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIPS

Memberships to Children's Museum Shoals are a great way to invest in family fun and in the community.

Family Membership	Single Parent Membership	Grandparent - In Town Membership	Grandparent - Out of Town Membership
\$100 a year	\$75 a year	\$75 a year	\$60 a year
- Unlimited FREE admission for one year for two adults and all children in the immediate household. - Reduced rates on birthday parties, special events and summer camps. - Monthly calendar of events.	- Unlimited FREE admission for one parent and all children of that parent in the immediate household. - Reduced rates on birthday parties, special events and summer camps. - Monthly calendar of events.	- Unlimited FREE admission for local grandparents and grandchildren who reside inside of the Shoals area. - Reduced rates on birthday parties, special events and summer camps. - Monthly calendar of events.	- Unlimited FREE admission for local grandparents and grandchildren who reside outside of the Shoals area. - Reduced rates on birthday parties, special events and summer camps. - Monthly calendar of events.

Birthday Parties

CMOS is the perfect place to host your child's next birthday party!

Available Times:
10:00-12:00 & 1:00-3:00

Party Information:
\$50 non-refundable deposit
\$300 for members & \$350 non-members

- Party Room
- Up to 15 children and their parent/guardians
- Each additional guest \$10 per child

Party Rules:
Parties last for 2 hours. A \$50 non-refundable deposit is due upon booking. The balance is due the day of the party. Adults are required to stay with their children at all times.

Field Trips

Come explore, create, play and learn at CMOS. Our Field Trip Coordinator will ensure that your field trip will be a memorable and educational experience. The Alabama Course of Study is at our service and activities.

Please contact our Field Trip Coordinator, Sten Lowery at (256) 284-7107 to schedule a field trip.

Groups
Group discounts are available for groups of 10 or more.
\$1 off general Museum admission.

Please call (256) 284-7107 to confirm your groups date and time that you plan to visit.

Admission
General admission is \$10 per person, 18 months and younger are free.

Hours of Operation
Monday - Saturday 9:00am-4:00pm

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Fall Field Trips

Dear Educators,

Fall field trip season is just around the corner! The Children's Museum of the Shoals is excited to host your school this year. We are ready to help you schedule an unforgettable, hands-on learning experience for your students.

Dates fill up quickly during the autumn months, so we encourage you to reserve your spot soon. I look forward to being your contact person and making your field trip an amazing experience!

Exclusive School Group Pricing

- **Student Admission:** \$9 per child
- **Teachers, Chaperones, & Parents:** FREE!
- **Payment Deadline:** Final payment is due no later than **two weeks (14 days)** after your field trip date.
- **Accepted Methods:** We accept Credit Cards, Checks, or Cash.
- **Invoicing:** A detailed invoice can be sent if requested.

What We Offer

- **Interactive STEM Labs:** Hands-on science and problem-solving stations.
- **Regional History & Culture:** Immersive exhibits celebrating the Shoals area.
- **Creative Play Zones:** Safe spaces designed to ignite young imaginations.

Ready to Book?

Please reach out to me directly with any questions about our scheduling availability.

- **Contact:** Sion Lewey, Operations Manager
- **Email:** sion@cmshoals.org
- **Phone:** 256-284-7107

We look forward to welcoming your classes to the museum this fall!

Warm regards,

Sion Lewey

Operations Manager

Children's Museum of the Shoals



And the Winner is...

We have the most talented kiddos in the shoals and they really showed us their creative side with this contest!!! Congratulations friends!

Stop by CMS to collect your prizes!!



ELLA PATE



ELLA CARTER



EMILIA KIZER



BACK TO school



☀️ Thank you for spending an amazing summer with us! 🍦

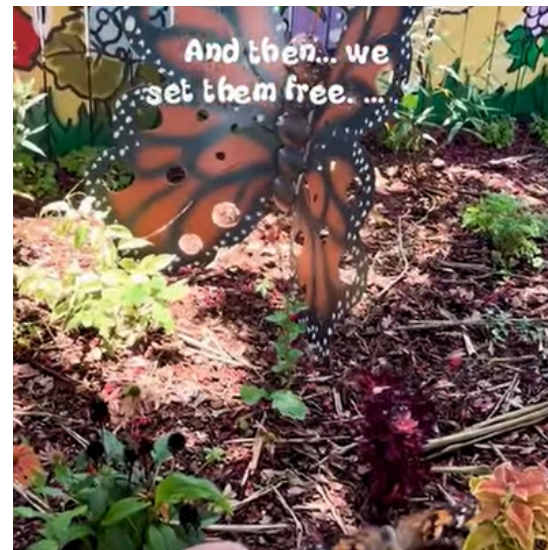
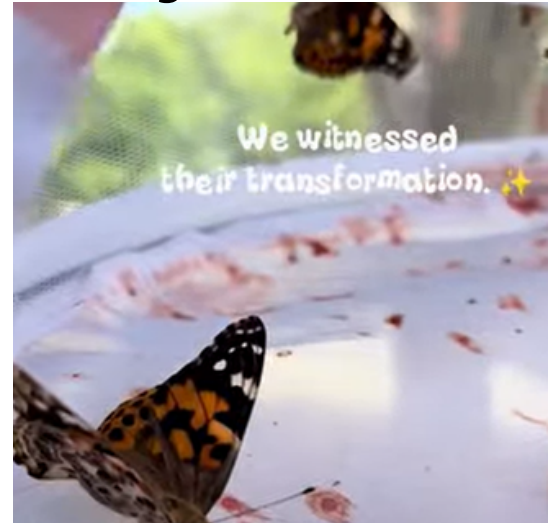
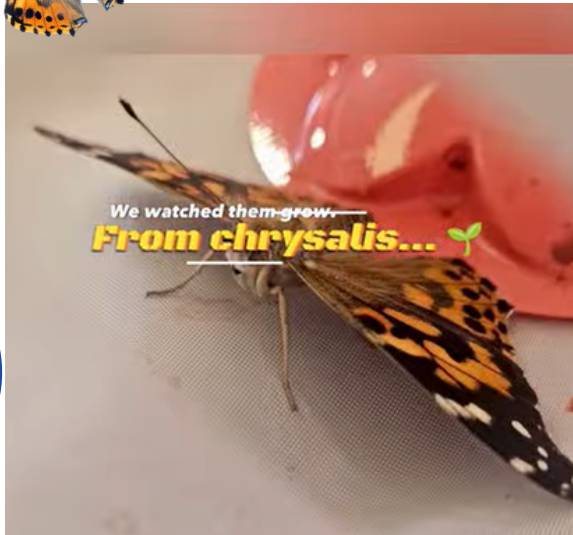
The seasons are changing, but the fun doesn't stop. Swing by after school to let the kids get all those afternoon wiggles out before homework time! 🚀🎒



Reminder: We are open Tuesday – Saturday from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM.



CMS Summer Painted Lady Butterfly Exhibit



Through Their Eyes

Real moments. Real memories. Through the eyes of our little visitors.

A Little Fashionista

Every visit begins with the cutest moment.

The doors open, tiny footsteps come running in, and before anything else, our little friend proudly places one hand on her chest and with the other, spreads out her beautiful dress. With the biggest smile, she says,

“Look at my dress!”

She waits so patiently for us to admire it, soaking in every smile and every compliment before she's off to explore, twirl, and make more wonderful memories.

At just two years old, she reminds us that joy is found in the little things—a favorite outfit, a confident heart, and the happiness of sharing it with friends.

Moments like these make our museum more than a place to visit—they make it a place where little hearts feel seen, celebrated, and right at home.



Little Voices, Big Smiles

“The butterflies look like pickles!”

— Banks, Age 8

