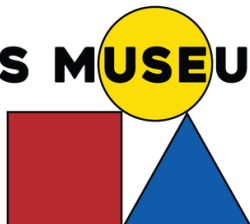


CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

of the Shoals



September 2026 Newsletter

CMS MOMENTS!!!

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We Appreciate You!!!

A huge thank you to Listerhill Credit Union for their continued support and sponsorship of our annual Superhero Day! Together, we're proud to celebrate and give back to the amazing community helpers who keep our neighborhood safe, strong, and supported every single day.

Thank You Listerhill!



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM of the Shoals

Hours: Tuesday - Saturday 9:00-4:00
256-284-7107
2810 Darby Drive, Florence, AL 35630

What's Happening at CMS?

PROGRAMS

Curiosity Club 11:00-12:00
Little Music Makers 12:30-1:00
Puppet Play 1:30-2:00
Bubble Time 10:00-10:30
CMS Arts & Crafts
Wed 10:30-11:00
Friday 9:30-10:00
ExplorAbility 2:00-4:00

Program Guide

Curiosity Club
Little Music Makers
Puppet Play
Bubble Time
Arts and Crafts
ExplorAbility

Check us out online!!



SEPTEMBER 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	2 Arts and Crafts Puppet Play	3 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	4 Arts and Crafts Curiosity Club	5 Bubble Time
6	7	8 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	9 Arts and Crafts Puppet Play	10 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	11 Arts and Crafts Curiosity Club	12 Puppet Play SUPERHERO DAY 1:00-1:30
13	14	15 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	16 Arts and Crafts Puppet Play	17 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	18 Arts and Crafts Curiosity Club	19 Bubble Time
20 ExplorAbility	21	22 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	23 Arts and Crafts Puppet Play	24 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	25 Arts and Crafts Curiosity Club	26 Puppet Play
27	28	29 Curiosity Club Little Music Makers	30 Arts and Crafts Puppet Play			

HOURS
Tuesday - Saturday
9:00-4:00

ART CLASS
with
Ms. Laren



Call us at 256-284-7107



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Programs



CURIOSITY CLUB

LEARN • EXPLORE • CREATE • GROW

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULE

TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS
11-12PM
at Children's Museum of the Shoals

9/1-9/4	LITTLE LEARNERS SCHOOL School sensory bin, toothpick craft, word matching, mystery game, book, cupcakes & punch.	COLOR LAB CREATIONS Color science, color mixing, handprints/animal bubbles, book, popcicles.	ADVENTURE TREASURE QUEST Treasure sensory bin, map making/ exploration, pirate/parent craft, Pirate Island snack.
9/8-9/11	CARNIVAL BONANZA Carnival sensory bin, carnival balloons, ketchup craft, mystery bag game, cookies, cupcakes & punch.	SLIME-TASTIC! Slime making, activity sheets, book, jello cups.	APPLE ORCHARD Apple sensory bin, fingerprint apple tree/apple stamping, pick the apple game, snack.
9/15-9/18	RAINBOWS & RAINDROPS Weather sensory bin, tornado in a bottle/rainbow, water, watercolor handprints, book, vanilla cold pudding.	FALL LEAF EXPLORERS Fall leaf sensory bin, leaf rubbing/painting, leaf mosaic, book, trail mix/cookies.	ALL ABOUT ME Head to toe, my body craft, body match (putting up 5 senses games), all about me cards, bananas, orange apples.
9/22-9/25	GERM BUSTERS! Germ monsters, glitter germ experiment, clean vs dirty, germ booster training, jello cups.	STORMY FUN CAMP OUT Campfire sensory bin, campfire craft & nature collage, camp out treasure game, book, brownie dinner snack.	SEASONS: NATURE'S ADVENTURE Nature's adventure, seasons sensory bin, four seasons craft, plant cycle, seasons mystery bag, hot yogurt/fruit.
9/29	AUTUMN HARVEST Harvest sensory bin, harvest basket, pumpkin craft, autumn collage, book, cinnamon apples & veggie cups.	OCTOBER SCHEDULE TBA!	

HOMESCHOOL FAMILIES!
Join our TEAM CURIOUS PROGRAM!
Attend 15 workshops before Christmas break (the end of the semester) to receive:
• A Certificate of Completion to apply toward your local homeschool credit
• A Special Curiosity Club Gift Bag to celebrate your year!

THIS PROGRAM IS OPEN TO EVERYONE! AGES 2 & UP!

\$5 PER DAY
Payment due upon booking!
SPACE IS LIMITED SO SIGN UP FOR YOUR SPOT TODAY!

CALL TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!
256-284-7107



CURIOSITY CLUB

LITTLE MUSIC MAKERS

STARTING
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18TH
EVERY TUESDAY & THURSDAY
12:30-1:00

MEET THE INSTRUMENTS
INTERACTIVE HANDS ON
MAKE YOUR OWN MUSIC

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM of the Shoals



PUPPET PLAY

AT THE TREEHOUSE

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF THE SHOALS

Wednesday's and Every other Saturday
1:30-2:00

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!



BIRTHDAY PARTY PACKAGES

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

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

BOOK TODAY!
256-284-7107

Children's Museum of the Shoals
2610 Darby Drive

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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

CMS 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 CMS. 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

2610 DARBY DRIVE, FLORENCE, AL 36630
WWW.CMSHOALS.ORG
256-284-7107

Fall Field Trips

FALL FIELD TRIPS AT CMS!

WHERE LEARNING MEETS PLAY

Bring your classroom lessons to life at the Children's Museum of the Shoals. Our interactive exhibits spark curiosity, creativity, and discovery for students of all ages.



\$ EXCLUSIVE FALL SPECIAL!!!! 25% OFF!!

Student Admission:

\$7.50 per child

Teachers &
Chaperone/Parents:

FREE!



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.



BOOK YOUR DATE TODAY!

Fall dates fill up quickly. Reach out to our team to schedule your visit:



Contact: Sion Lewey, Operations Manager



Phone: 256-284-7107



Email: sion@cms Shoals.org



Location: 2810 Darby Dr, Florence, AL 35630
(Right next to Deibert Park)

PAYMENT

Full payment is due no later than **14 days** after field trip date.

Payment can be made using cash, credit card or check.

Invoices are available if requested.

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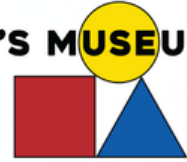




UPCOMING EVENT



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM
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SPONSORED BY:



CMS ANNUAL OUTDOOR EVENT



COME HANG OUT WITH OUR OWN COMMUNITY HEROES:



- ✓ **FIREFIGHTERS**
- ✓ **EMT**
- ✓ **POLICE OFFICERS AND MORE**



CHILDREN'S MUSEUM SHOALS
2810 DARBY DR, FLORENCE, AL 35630



SATURDAY, SEPT 12, 2026
11AM-1PM



MUSEUM ADMISSION:

\$10 PER PERSON
18 MONTHS AND YOUNGER ARE FREE!

Call 256-284-7107 for more information



Through Their Eyes

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

The Candy Bowl

There are plenty of things our little visitors look forward to when they come to the museum—running from exhibit to exhibit, trying something new, making a creation to take home, and, of course, finding out what adventure awaits around the corner.

But there's one little tradition they've definitely learned to look forward to: the candy bowl. 🍬

Waiting by the front desk is a bowl filled with little treats for our young visitors to choose from before they head home. And let's just say... they know about it.

One day, as a little visitor was getting ready to leave, he stopped at the front desk and proudly announced,

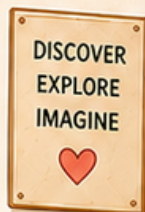
**"Excuse me, I had a good day.
I found a KitKat."**

And honestly? We love that for him.

Because sometimes a great day at the museum is about discovering something new, making a memory with your family, and finding a little KitKat waiting for you at the end.

**Big adventures. Little surprises.
Sweet endings.** ❤️

That's just one more thing our little explorers can look forward to when they visit us.



Little Voices, Big Smiles

“Are you having fun at school?”

“No.”

“Who is your teacher?”

“My mom.” ”

— A Little Honesty from an 8-Year-Old Visitor

