

Suburban Life



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"Geez mom, there's nothing to do."

'Yes there is, dear. Read this.'

• INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE

The Cranbrook Institute of Science is at 500 Lone Pine in Bloomfield Hills. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is closed major holidays.

The Cranbrook Institute of Science will host an "Excellent Electrical Event," highlighting the fun and science of electricity and magnetism, Thursday through Monday, Dec. 16-20. Activities will explore how electricity moves through wires and other devices, examine safe uses of electricity and explain its hazards.

In the auditorium, audience volunteers assist in demonstrations of the new Cages of Many Volts. Hands-on stations in the museum halls will allow visitors to experiment with static electricity, investigate the relationship between electricity and magnetism, discover how electronic devices work and more.

Hours will be 1-4:30 p.m. each day and participation is included with museum admission.

That Thursday, Friday and Monday will include special weekday presentations of planetarium and laser shows. "Wonderful Rocket" (ages 3 and up) will be offered 12:30 p.m. The "Allen Who Stole Christmas" (ages 5 and up) 2:15 p.m. The seasonal "Ornaments" show (ages 3 and up) will light up the planetarium dome 1:30 and 3 p.m.

Weekend planetarium and laser shows are also scheduled for the holiday season. Van Halen is the latest rock group to be featured in the institute's growing repertoire of Lasers shows. Others include: "Laser Universe" performances combining rock tunes about outer space and music from space movies; Led Zeppelin; and Pink Floyd — The Wall. For ticket information, call (313) 645-2130 or 645-2228.

General admission to the Cranbrook Institute of Science is \$4 for adults, \$3 for students ages 3-17 and senior citizens, free for children under age 3. For information, call (313) 645-2130.

• DETROIT ZOO

The Detroit Zoo is at 8450 W. 10 Mile, at Woodward in Royal Oak. Winter hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. The miniature railroad is closed until the spring.

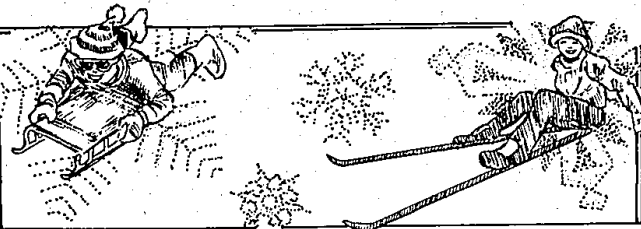
For information, call (313) 541-5717.

The Detroit Zoo will be closed Monday, Dec. 23, through Wednesday, Jan. 1, and will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2.

Zoo admission price is \$5.75 for those age 13 and older, \$2.50 for seniors age 62 and older, \$2.50 for students ages 3-12, free for those under age 2 (supervision required). For group rate information, call (313) 399-7001.

Zoo supporters are being encouraged to "Adopt an Animal" this holiday season. Prices range from \$15 to \$150, including a certificate of adoption, membership card and T-shirt. For information, call (313) 399-0903, Ext. 20.

For general information, call (313) 399-0900.



• FUN AT JCC

The Jewish Community Center of Metropolitan Detroit is at 6600 W. Maple, at Drake in West Bloomfield.

The center's fifth annual New Year's Eve "Sleepover" will be held. Drop-off time will be 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31, pick-up time 9 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 1. The event is for children in kindergarten through fifth grade (proof of age required). It will feature swimming, gymnastics, movies, a late kosher dinner and a kosher breakfast.

Price is \$35 for members, \$48 for non-members. Limited space is available, and registration should be done in person in Room 348 by Friday, Dec. 13. Late registrations or those sent by mail won't be accepted. There is a discount for siblings. For information, call (313) 661-1000 Ext. 355.

The JCC has also scheduled a full "Winter Days" 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23-24, 26-27, 30-31 and Jan. 2-3. "Winter Days" are for kindergartners through fifth graders.

Each day will have a different theme. Youngsters will enjoy sports and games, arts and crafts, a magic show and other activities.

Enrollment is limited, and registrations won't be accepted the day of the program. Registration deadline will be Tuesday, Dec. 17. Children are to bring a kosher bag lunch each day or choose the lunch option on the application form. For information, call (313) 661-1000.

• MEADOW BROOK

Meadow Brook Theatre will present "A Christmas Carol" at the theater on the Oakland University campus near Rochester. Performances, sponsored by GMAC Financial Services, will be Tuesdays through Sundays, continuing through Dec. 23.

This will be the 10th season for the holiday production at Meadow Brook Theatre. The classic novel by Charles Dickens has been adapted for the stage by Charles Nott, who is also directing "A Christmas Carol." Actor Booth Colman will again portray Ebenezer Scrooge.

For ticket information, call (313) 377-3300. For group reservations, call (313) 370-3316.

Nearby Meadow Brook Hall is decorated for the holidays, with

"The Magic of Christmas" continuing through Sunday, Dec. 15. Many floral designers and display artists have donated their talents and materials to create the event.

During "The Magic of Christmas," Santa Claus makes his home in Knoke Cottage, a six-room minimansion playhouse which is also decorated for the holidays.

Hours will be 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 9, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 13-15. Knoke Cottage will be open until 5 p.m. each day, along with the Meadow Brook Greenhouse.

General admission price is \$5 weekdays, \$8 Saturdays and Sundays. Price is \$4 all day for children under age 13. Group rate for 20 or more is \$5. Knoke Cottage and greenhouse tours are \$1 all day for all ages. Processions from "The Magic of Christmas" are used for maintenance and preservation of the historic home.

Meadow Brook Theatre and the Meadow Brook Music Festival have scheduled a new series of children's programs. The Song Sisters will present holiday music 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21, at the theater. The performance isn't recommended for children under age 5.

Single ticket price is \$6 and tickets are scheduled to go on sale Monday, Dec. 9. For ticket information, call the box office, (313) 377-3300. A "Messiah Sing-Along" has been scheduled 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16, by David Daniels, an Oakland University music professor. The audience will be divided according to vocal parts plus a section for non-singers. The performance of the Christmas section of "Messiah" and the "Hallelujah Chorus" will follow a 30-minute rehearsal and intermission.

• ART INSTITUTE

The Detroit Institute of Arts is at 5200 Woodward in Detroit. Current hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday. Reduced hours, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, are scheduled to begin Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Individual galleries are open on a staggered schedule at different times of the day. The Rivera Court and other main areas remain open throughout regular hours. The DIA is closed major holidays.

DIA admission is under a mandatory/discretionary policy, with all visitors required to pay something. Suggested donation is \$4 for adults, \$1 for students and children. For general information, call (313) 833-7990.

Youtheatre performances are continuing at the DIA, with the Youtheatre now functioning as an independent non-profit company. "Holidays, and All That Jazz" with Detroit's own Brass Bonnet, Saturday, Dec. 14, for ages 5 and up; and "The Jack Frost Follies" by New York's Poko Productions and their puppets, Saturday, Dec. 21, a Wiggle Club show for ages 3 and up.

Regular performance times are 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. All children under age 12 must be accompanied by a person over age 18. Except for Wiggle Club shows, children under age 5 won't be admitted to the theater. There are no refunds, although tickets may be exchanged up to 24 hours before the performance for another production in this season.

Regular ticket price is \$6 for adults and young people. Tickets are available by mail or in person at the DIA ticket office. Group rates, season tickets and Wiggle Club memberships are available. For ticket information, call (313) 833-7990.

• HENRY FORD MUSEUM

Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village are at Oakwood Boule-

vard and Village Road in Dearborn, west of the Southfield Freeway (M-39) and south of Michigan Avenue (U.S. 12). Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The museum and village will be closed Christmas Day.

The museum houses an Innovation Station combining elements of a playground and think tank to create a "thinkground." The 3,200-square-foot interactive learning environment was designed in collaboration with the museum by Edwin Schlossberg Inc., a New York-based design firm.

The Innovation Station's designed to help participants of all ages explore cooperative problem-solving as individual players work on tasks at assigned activity stations.

The museum's decorated for the holidays, including a Christmas tree standing nearly four stories tall. Victorian doll houses, a toy train, Santa Claus and other signs of the season will be featured. A "Visions of Christmas" display will include a collection of family celebration photographs from various time periods. Visitors are encouraged to add their own family snapshots to the collection.

"Celebrate the Holidays" will continue through Wednesday, Jan. 1. In the outdoor Greenfield Village, selected historic buildings will be open.

Demonstrations of cooking and other holiday preparations from years gone by will be featured. Rug hooking, fancy needlework and seasonal crafts will be demonstrated in some homes and buildings.

The Henry Ford Museum Theater will present the 1904 musical version of "The Wizard of Oz." Audience members will be able to meet actors after each performance. For ticket information and a schedule of matinee performances in December and January, call the museum's reservations center, (313) 271-1620.

Admission to Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village is separate and is \$10.50 for adults, \$5.25 for students ages 5-12, \$9.50 for senior citizens age 62 and older, free for children age 4 and under. Annual passes for unlimited visits are available. For information, call (313) 271-1620.

• HANDS-ON MUSEUM

The Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum is in a renovated firehouse at 219 E. Huron in Ann Arbor. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The museum will be closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The museum features many exhibits designed to help visitors learn about science, math, art and other subjects. Classes and workshops, weekend demonstrations and special events are also offered.

December demonstrations will focus on "Flames, Bulbs and Other Bright Ideas." Participants will explore such topics as why candles burn and how light bulbs shine. Demonstrations will be 1 and 3 p.m. Saturdays, 2 and 4 p.m. Sundays.

The museum currently features

Closer to home...

Community resources offer a variety of activities with such diverse aims as bringing families together or giving parents some respite during the holidays.

Once again Mercy Center helps fill the winter break void with its day camp.

Arts and crafts, movies, swimming, sports and games make up a typical day at camp. Children should bring a swim suit, towel and lunch every day.

Camp is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday, Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23 to Jan. 3. Extended care is available 7-9:30 a.m. and 3:30-5 p.m.

Fee for regular camp hours alone is \$7 per child. Families receive a \$5 discount for each additional child enrolled. Charges for extended care are \$15.00 per hour per camper.

Another Mercy Center program favoring the New Year's Eve sleepover, is open to children 5-12-years-old. In addition to swimming, movies, games, dinner, snacks and breakfast are provided. Each child should bring a swim suit, towel, sleeping bag, toothbrush and pajamas.

New Year's fun without the folks runs from 7 p.m. Dec. 31 to 9:30 a.m. Jan. 1. There is a \$10 fee.

Children make Christmas cards from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and then again from 4-5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Mercy Center. There is a \$5 fee for each session.

Gum drop trees blossom during a craft class set for 10:30-11:30 a.m. and for 4-5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 16 at Mercy Center. There is a \$5 fee.

All kinds of holiday crafts will be found at the center from 10:30-11:30 a.m. and 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17. There is a \$5 fee.

One hundred years ago, gift wrapping didn't come in neat little packages with color-coordinated bows. People made their own gift

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