

July Happenings at Discovery Place Kids Rockingham

Events & Activities All Discovery Place KIDS-Rockingham events and activities are free with admission. For more information call 910.997.5266 or visit rockingham.discoveryplacekids.org.

July Theme: Dinosaur Discovery – Travel back in time as we discover the giants that once roamed the Earth! Little paleontologists will enjoy a month of prehistoric fun as we examine fossils and learn all about dinosaurs from the past.

Weekday Activities Join us on Tuesdays & Thursdays and Wednesdays & Fridays for fun themed activities all month long. Stop by the Lab at 11:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. to check out all the fun!

- Tuesdays & Thursdays- Jr. Paleontologist: What is a paleontologist and what do they do? Join us at the Lab for some hands-on training in the field of paleontology!
- Wednesdays & Fridays- Prehistoric Proportions: How long was the T rex? How small was the Ankylosaur? Little guests will participate in math investigations to explore the lengths of various dinosaurs.

Weekend Activities Weekend activities take place at 11:15 a.m. and 2:15 p.m. on Saturdays and 2:15 p.m. on Sundays.

- July 14 & 15- Awesome Art-o-saurus –Stomp on over to the Studio this weekend and bring dinosaurs back to life by creating your own dinosaur art. (Studio)
- July 21 & 22- Dino Safari – We’re going on a dinosaur hunt! Grab your binoculars as we head out on a quest to find all six dinosaurs hidden in the Museum. (Sandhills Stage)
- July 28 & 29- Feasts for Beasts– Do you know the differences between carnivores, herbivores and omnivores? Join us in the Lab as we learn what foods tantalized the taste buds of different dinosaurs. (Lab)

Special Programming

- July 15 (1:00 p.m.)- National Ice Cream Day- We’ll be freezing up some fun as we use teamwork to create a delicious frozen treat!

Daily Programming

- Science Show - Join us in the Lab as we predict, observe and experiment with different interesting topics! This month we are exploring different animals and their habitats. Tuesday - Saturday: 9:45 a.m. & 3:45 p.m. Sunday: 3:45 p.m.
- Puppet Show - Pangea’s Got Talent: Travel back to a time when dinosaurs existed and discover what makes them special. In Pangea’s Got Talent, our little entertainers will observe different types of dinosaurs in an entertaining and educational talent show. Tuesday - Saturday: 10:45 a.m. & 2:45 p.m. Sunday: 2:45 p.m.
- Big Fun - Boogie and shake with us at the Sandhills Stage. Dance and sing to songs that will get you up and moving. From “Chicken Dance” and “Shake It All About” to “Bop ‘Til You Drop,” fun will be had by all! This activity allows for a smooth transition for our young visitors who need to go home for lunch, naps or to end the day. Tuesday - Saturday: 11:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m. Sunday: 11:45 a.m. & 4:45 p.m.
- Story Time (1:45 p.m.) - Head over to the Sandhills Stage as we read a favorite dinosaur story.

Discovery Place Kids-Rockingham admission is \$8 per person and free for members and children younger than 1. Guests may purchase tickets online at discoveryplacekids.org, via phone at 910.997.5266 or in person at the Museum. Discovery Place Kids-Rockingham is open: Tue: 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Wed-Sat: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun: noon - 5 p.m.; and Monday: Closed

Be Careful with Leftover Fireworks

The Fourth of July may be over, but Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Causey reminds North Carolinians fireworks used at any time can be dangerous and should be left to the professionals. “We have seen countless injuries since the Fourth of July and we want to avoid anyone else from getting hurt,” said Commissioner Causey. “We’ve seen reports of adults who’ve been severely injured by the improper use of fireworks and we’ve seen reports of children who have been hurt by the simple use of sparklers and firecrackers. I urge you to leave the fireworks to the professionals.”

According to the National Fire Protection Association, thousands of people, most often children and teens, are injured each year while using fireworks. Although the 2018 figures are not in yet, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission’s latest figures, there were 11 deaths and an estimated 11,900 people who sustained injuries due to fireworks in 2015, the most recent data available. It shows injuries from sparklers, bottle rockets, and small firecrackers accounted for 3,900 injuries requiring emergency room visits.

A simple, handheld sparkler can burn at a temperature of 1,200 degrees Fahrenheit or more. To put that into perspective, water boils at 212 degrees, a cake bakes at 350 degrees and wood burns at 575 degrees. In addition, fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year and these fires cause an average of \$43 million in property damage.

The NFPA offers the following fireworks safety tips:

- Leave fireworks to the professionals: The best way to protect your family is to not use any fireworks at home. Instead, attend public fireworks displays and leave the lighting to the professionals.
- Before using fireworks, be sure they are legal in your area.
- Be extra careful with sparklers: Little arms are too short to hold sparklers, which can heat up to 1,200 degrees. Let your young children use glow sticks instead. They can be just as fun but don’t burn at a temperature hot enough to melt glass.
- Closely supervise children around fireworks at all times.
- Do not wear loose clothing while using fireworks.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Point fireworks away from homes and keep away from brush, leaves, and flammable substances.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby. Know how to operate the fire extinguisher properly. Info at www.nfpa.org.



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