

Fall events return!



FALL EVENTS!

MOTOR MANIA

Motor Mania is returning, and we are so excited! This event will be happening Sat. Sept. 21 in Leonardo's parking lot. Motor Mania will have all the vehicles your child wishes to play with but is always told to be careful around - fire trucks, bucket trucks, motorcycles and more! This event is a great educational yet entertaining way for children to learn. The event will start at 10 a.m. and end at noon. There will be lunch provided by T&C Meats-free with admission, Members pay \$5 and non-members pay \$9. Come play, learn and eat with us! It's going to be a blast!

FALL FESTIVAL

October means FALL! We love cooler weather and fall, which is why we're so excited that Fall Festival is happening again--soon! There will be prizes everyday, face painting and wood art activities. The event will be Oct. 17-19. There will be so many fall-themed activities. Make sure to make it to Leonardo's in October! During Fall Festival memberships can be purchased with a 10% discount! This promotion is on full purchase of an annual membership, and does not apply to EFT/ monthly paid memberships.

weekend wonders and art Quest

Our Weekend Wonders and Art Quest events are back! Art Quest is the 1st & 3rd Saturday at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Weekend Wonders are 2nd & 4th Saturday 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free with paid admission or membership.

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New employee, after school classes, safety protocols and honors for Leonardo's!

Giving Opportunities This Fall

1. Commit your business to **sponsor Fall Festival**. This 3-day event welcomes hundreds of families looking for fun and educational activities!
2. **Adopt an animal** in our Critter Clubhouse.
3. **Volunteer** to spend the day working at Adventure Quest.
4. General donations are down for this fiscal year. Go online to www.leonardos.org and **click the DONATE button** to help us meet our goal and keep Leonardo's thriving!
5. As you plan your end of year charitable giving, please remember **Leonardo's**.

Tax Time Reminder!

As everyone completes their annual income tax chores please remember - donations to Leonardo's (501c3) are tax deductible. Remember that funds transferred straight from IRA's are shielded from taxes as well. By giving this way, **keep your hard earned money in Enid** to help us continue our mission!

From the Director

By Tracy Bittle



Autumn is so fun! We are blessed that we get to experience the seasons. I thrive in the warmest of temperatures, but when the leaves start to change it is beautiful. At Leonardo's Children's Museum this is a good time to reflect as we close our fiscal year, examine our summer and plan more excitement and education. Spring and summer months at the museum are the busiest and we get to inspire the children in such a fun way. As I review this year, there is so much I have learned and so many great stories. One of those stories is the renewal of Adventure Quest. Once the class of local leaders (LGE 28) started raising funds and expressing our needs, other area businesses offered their help also! This wonderful group served as a catalyst for our project. Now Leonardo's Children's Museum's outdoor playground has all new ground cover, aging wood has been replaced, new picnic tables, fresh paint, flower gardens and several smaller projects are in the works to give this 25-year-old playground new life! Safety is top priority and the new ground cover at the park protects the children from the dangers of a fall. We now have a partnership with Autry Tech, Lowe's of Enid, Edward Jones and others to perform ongoing and future improvements. By next summer, AQ will be fully 'renewed' thanks to Enid and its supportive community groups and businesses. Thank you!

As I work to grow and give this organization long term sustainability there are high points and challenges. Being educators of science and art puts our organization in a good position. I like to say, "Leonardo's was teaching STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Mathematics) long before it became a buzzword in recent curriculum." And we are happy to share that the OK Museum Network grant program has prolonged its life for another two years. It was originally set up to end this fall, but due to smart management by the team at Science Museum Oklahoma and it's leadership by Sherry Marshall and Eileen Castle, we can enjoy the benefits of this organization for two more years. This brings our museum four more high-quality, creative network exhibits that will rotate through Leonardo's. On September 14 th we will be opening "How People Make Things" so be sure to come see it soon! On a sad note we have lost our two founders in recent years. Helen Walker Garriott passed away on September 5, 2017. This originator was a teacher and an artist. Then on April 15, 2019 Owen K Garriott, our hometown astronaut and scientist passed. They both will be so very missed. I am honored to carry on their work and continue to influence the next generations of artists and scientists. God Speed Helen and Owen! To maintain this strong nonprofit presence in Enid and northwest Oklahoma we must: 1) Bring **guests from all over the world** to experience our children's museum. 2) Receive support from our community in **partnerships and donations**. With growth comes increased expenses, we need our income growth to keep up with expenses. 3) Participate in as many **grant projects** as possible to bring this key education to as many children as possible. I need YOUR SUPPORT in all the above steps to keep Leonardo's and Enid successful. Please reach out to me with any ideas you have. Also plan your end of year gift to the museum. Admissions are only 29% of our income. Donations must come in for Leonardo's to survive. This community built this amazing place, I pray the community will continue to sustain us. I am proud to say that scholarships have increased for guests that are unable to pay. Let's keep this trend! My door is always open to creative learning ideas and projects. Thank you and God Bless you Leonardo's Supporters!

New Oklahoma Museum Network Traveling Exhibit Opening

Hard hats and work vests on! Inspired by the factory tours in the "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" television series, "How People Make Things" gives guests the chance to get hands-on with manufacturing processes as well as to use real tools and machines to create interesting items. Weave through the exhibit and try cutting with hand tools and die cuts, explore different molding and vacuum tools, deform pennies and wire, assemble a trolley like the one in Mister Rogers' Neighborhood, and more. "How People Make Things" was developed by the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh for the Arkansas Discovery Network. Come see this top-notch exhibit at Leonardo's!



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Princess Ball Update!



Enid's premier father-daughter event is in the works! However, there is a big change in scheduling. Princess Ball is set for Sat. Feb. 8 at 81 Ranch! This year we won't have to worry about Oklahoma's favorite sport-football conflicting with our event as we have in the past. Research shows that daughters benefit tremendously from having healthy, positive experiences with their fathers or other male figures in their lives. Make a memory that will last a lifetime. Tickets will go on sale on December 1. This means tickets and dresses can be part of a beautiful Christmas gift for your favorite princess. Watch for details as the event gets closer on www.leonardos.org, Facebook, Instagram or give us a call at 580-233-ARTS!

New Face at Leonardo's!



There is a new face at Leonardo's Children's Museum! The administration team at Leonardo's has gained a new event/marketing coordinator. Ashlee Wright, a recent graduate from Oklahoma State

University, joined Leo's team at the end of July. We are excited to have her on our team! You can see her walking around the museum with a camera in her hand and a smile on her face. Make sure to say hello if you see her around Leo's!

FALL CLASSES

Fall classes are starting up again at Leonardo's. We are so excited to say there is a new class in our class schedule. On Mondays from 3:30-5:30 we will host a class called Bare Bones of Computer Science. This class will be hands-on and online activities designed to teach about coding and computer basics! There are four other classes also offered throughout the week. Go to www.leonardos.org to fill out a mandatory release form to sign up for a class. Spots fill quick so-- run!

Monday	Bare Bones of Computer Science
Tuesday	OG&E Science Club
Wednesday	Pottery for Littles and Bigs
Thursday	JWL Fashion Design and Sewing
Friday	Tools for Home School

Leonardo's wins award!

In this picture, Tracy Bittle, Executive Director, receives the OK Certified Family Positive Workplace recognition from Brian Fayak and Leslie Osborn. On Aug. 7 at a reception in Oklahoma City the Potts Family Foundation honored 36 business from across the state of Oklahoma. Leonardo's



Children's Museum along with six other Enid businesses or organizations, received this award. This is part of a statewide initiative to move Oklahoma as a state up in its inferior health rankings. For more information, check out <http://ok25by25.org/family-positive>.

Leonardo's Children's Museum has been recertified by the Standards for Excellence Program, and this certification is valid until 2024. Standards for Excellence is a nationally accredited curriculum that teaches best practices for nonprofit management, governance, and legal compliance. The foundation of the Standards for Excellence® program is the published Standards for Excellence®: An Ethics and Accountability Code for the Nonprofit Sector. It identifies six major areas of nonprofit governance and management, which contain 27 different topic areas. Each topic area includes specific benchmarks and measures that provide a structured approach to building capacity, accountability, and sustainability in your organization. As Leonardo's applies for funding opportunities and grants, we believe this helps funders remain confident that our organization performs our mission to the highest standard and complete projects precisely as agreed.



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Family memberships make great gifts!

Hours

Tuesday-Saturday
10AM to 5PM
Sunday
1PM to 5PM
Open Mondays during the summer.
Adventure Quest open throughout the year weather permitting.

Admission

General: \$9.00
Children Under 2: Free

Group rate of \$8 per person available for groups of at least 16 guests.



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September		October		November	
Leonardo's Closed Mondays During School Year		Leonardo's Closed Mondays During School Year		Leonardo's Closed Mondays During School Year	
Sept. 7	Water Table Closes @ 5 p.m. We're open, come play!	Oct. 7	After School Classes After school classes have begun at Leo's!	Nov. 28	Thanksgiving Day Leonardo's is closed for the holiday!
Sept. 8-13	Annual Deep Cleaning! Leonardo's is closed for the week to deep clean the museum!	Oct. 17	Fall Fest, Day 1! 10-5 special autumn activities and give aways! Check out our Membership Drive!	Nov. 29	We're Open! Leonardo's is open from 10-5 for family fun!
Sept. 21	Motor Mania A day full of bucket trucks, fire trucks and police cars...Oh My!	Oct. 18	Fall Fest, Day 2! 10-5 special autumn activities and give aways! Check out our Membership Drive!	Dec. 1	Princess Ball Tickets! Princess Ball tickets on sale! Purchase at www.leonardos.org
Sept. 30	End of Fiscal Year Leonardo's begins it's 25th anniversary year!	Oct. 19	Fall Fest, Day 3! 10-5 special autumn activities and give aways! Check out our Membership Drive!	Watch for end of the year donation matching program, thanks to our friends at Park Avenue Thrift your donations double!	

Regular Programs

Creative Stories - Tuesdays at 10:30AM in Education Annex. Price: \$4 (\$2 for members)
Art Quest - 1st & 3rd Saturday at 11AM and 2PM. Free with paid admission or membership.
Weekend Wonders - 2nd & 4th Saturday 11AM and 2PM. Free with paid admission or membership.