

LEONARDO'S

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

DaVinci Day Camp Returns!



SPRING BREAK CAMP!

Leonardo's is excited to announce **Suddenlink's Spring Break Camp 2019!** Camp is **March 18-22** and the theme will be **Tinkering Reloaded: Where Science and Art Intersect!** This hands on fun week will keep children engaged and learning.

Day 1 - Monday

Making Music

Day 2 - Tuesday

Making Movement

Day 3 - Wednesday

Making Munchies

Day 4 - Thursday

Making Magic

Day 5 - Friday

"Maker's Choice"



Non-Members Tuition		Members Tuition	
Full Day	\$195	Full Day	\$175
Half Day	\$120	Half Day	\$100
Single Full Day	\$60	Single Full Day	\$55
Single Half Day	\$50	Single Half Day	\$45

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1. Commit your business as a **DaVinci day Camp Sponsor**.
2. Adopt a **"Restore AQ"** Project.
3. Attend and or donate to Leonardo's **Annual Scholarship Fundraiser & Awards Dinner** on Friday, March 29th.
4. Play/Sponsor in the **LGE Benefit Golf Tournament** on Friday, April 5th.

Tax Time Reminder!

As everyone completes their annual income tax chores please remember - donations to Leonardo's (501c3)

Keep your hard earned money in Enid to help us continue our mission!

From the Director

By Tracy Bittle



Earlier in my life, change was tough however I think I have learned to welcome it! The changes I have seen working with this organization are remarkable! From being a guest, to being a board member, to associate director, to executive director, the metamorphoses is astonishing. Following the \$6.2 million renovation, guests have been amazed. Nevertheless, as play moves outside to Adventure Quest the signs of age, wear and tear are showing. The three story, outdoor play castle with its creative scientific features is famous for how it was built. It was built by over 12,000 VOLUNTEERS who periodically stop by to share their memories. Last fall as staff prepared the facility for the whimsical Oklahoma winter weather we began to organize a plan for freshening up Adventure Quest!

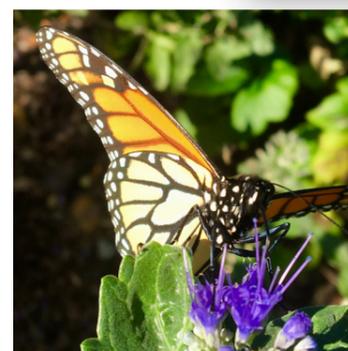
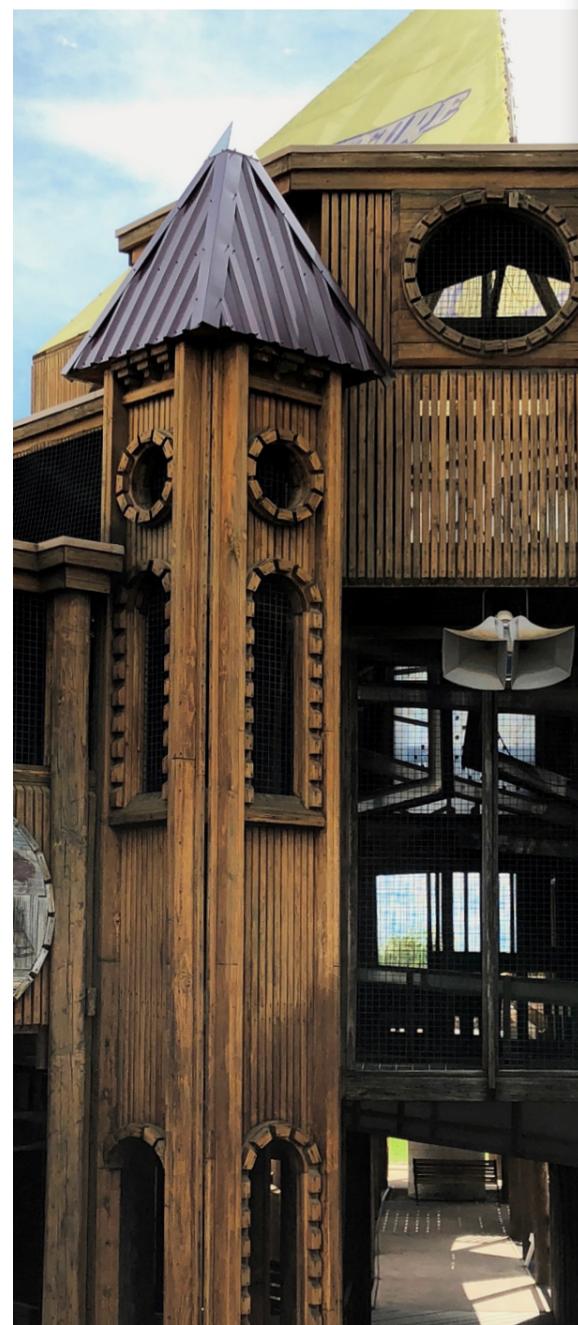
Project Restore AQ (Adventure Quest) is a primary focus this spring. The entire project would have been a costly and overwhelming feat, so we broke the plan down into smaller projects. Various organizations, businesses and individuals have led this effort and adopted several smaller projects that are adding up to big improvements. This year's Leadership Greater Enid (LGE) Class selected AQ as their beneficiary class project. This ambitious group of professionals spend about nine months studying Enid in depth and performing a community project to make Enid even better. LGE is working hard to replace all the ground cover throughout the castle and make enhancements in the Tot Lot. LGE has set a golf tournament fundraiser for April 5th at Pheasant Run. For more information check out their Facebook page or visit our website. Monkey Wrench Plumbing, Water Wizards and Professional Tree Care of Enid have also brought great repairs to the park as well. There are many more projects up for grabs if you have a community group, organization or business that is looking for a worthwhile project. Just let me know who I should be talking to!

And finally, as Spring approaches I find myself excited about the upcoming education opportunities. DaVinci Day Camps are approaching with both Spring Break Camp and Summer Camp. All classes are packed full of STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Arts and Math) curriculum. Keeping young minds truly stimulated when they are not in the classroom is very important to me. I remember my Nanny telling me, "Idle hands are the devil's workshop." And I am very grateful for all the lessons my own children gained in Leonardo's camps! As a parent with young children I found myself not wanting a traditional babysitter or regular child care while I worked. My children benefited greatly from having their minds challenged and creating masterpieces daily at Leonardo's camps. It was worth every penny. I hope you share this opinion and spread the word for me with your family, friends and acquaintances. THIS is a program that MAKES A DIFFERENCE in the future.

Thanks to this amazing community for always supporting Leonardo's, and my wish is to make you proud of your efforts.

New Oklahoma Museum Network Traveling Exhibit Coming To Leonardo's March 25th!

Marvels of Science: Styled after a classic World's Fair, Marvels of Science showcases the strange, remarkable and marvelous world of science through three interactive themed areas. View the world one frame at a time with a high-speed camera, get a close-up with a video microscope, use wind to carve new landscapes, take a spin and experience the power of rotational force, and explore fantastic scientific properties first-hand.



ADVENTURE QUEST UPDATES

Adventure Quest is a treasure! It still holds the record for the largest community built outdoor play space. The three story castle beckons children to explore and families can spend time together having fun.

It has provided many wonderful memories and will continue to inspire children of all ages. But after 23 years of Oklahoma weather and general use it needs some restoration.

Leadership Greater Enid Class 28 has committed to start restoring Adventure Quest. A Golf Tournament, April 5 at the Pheasant Run Golf Course is being held to raise money for Adventure Quest. They are hoping to raise funds to replace the Fibar, a child safe ground cover, through the whole park and restore the toddler area (if funding allows.)

With volunteer efforts this fall, a Pollinator Garden has been established. This spring lots of native blooming flowers and plants will grow to help the Monarch butterfly and other pollinators.

There are more projects to be done at Adventure Quest. The Enid community built Adventure Quest and Leonardo's has worked to maintain it. However after two decades the community is being called upon again to help restore this amazing point of pride in our city.

Last year Leonardo's was able to drill a well and provide water to the very popular Water Table all season long. Families flock to this feature and it is very popular. This Water Table needs about \$4,650 in restorations. The iconic castle needs about \$7,300. In addition to restorations, a few safety items are needed. For example to add video security would cost \$12,500. Replacing the privacy fence with rod iron fence to help with security would cost approximately \$10,000. Leonardo's is hopeful that the future is bright.

Pollinator Garden Blooming This Spring At Leonardo's

There is a new garden in Adventure Quest with lots of educational and community benefits. "On several occasions science classes at Leonardo's have studied the development and metamorphosis of butterflies and releasing them at Adventure Quest," says Executive Director, Tracy Bittle. "It's exciting that we get to take this education to an even higher level." Community volunteers came out to clean up, till and plant native Oklahoma plants this past fall and this spring the garden will be a great place for families to watch and learn about important pollinators.



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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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by creating fun learning opportunities.

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March		April		May	
Leonardo's Closed Mondays During School Year		Leonardo's Closed Mondays During School Year		OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK Beginning Monday 5/6/19	
March 18	Spring Break DaVinci Day Camp Begins	April 5	LGE Golf Tournament Fundraiser for Adventure Quest	May 24	Enid Schools Out for The Summer
March 25	Marvels of Science Arrives at Leonardo's	April 6	MetroFamily's Kids Fest Visit the Leonardo's booth at the Cox Convention Center in OKC.	May 24	Water Table at Adventure Quest Opens Unless weather gets nice earlier in the season. Then it will open early.
March 29	2019 Scholarship Fundraiser Purchase tickets at leonardos.org	April 8-12	Week of the Young Child Leonardo's will have special activities all week long for our younger guests.	May 27	Memorial Day Museum and Adventure Quest will be OPEN!
March 30	Special Take Apart Event Take apart electronics and learn how they work!	CDSA Diaper Drive We will be collecting diaper sizes: Newborns, 5 & 6's plus wipes throughout the month of April in support of CDSA's Diaper Bank.			

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.

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