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Summer Is Here – And So Is “Kidspace Campout”!

Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of Our National Parks

PASADENA, CA When Congress created the first National Park in 1872, it set into motion a movement to preserve wild spaces for the enjoyment, education, and inspiration of everyone.

In celebration of 150 years of National Parks, Kidspace Children’s Museum is launching ***Kidspace Campout***, a summer celebration of nature and adventure on a child-size scale.

Kidspace Campout runs from June 30th through September 5th.

The journey begins in the “Welcome Center”, where families learn about animal tracks and explore what creatures have recently been spotted in the area.

From there, families can choose to settle at a campsite, fish in a blue-sand lake, search for native wildlife, or design and mail home postcards sharing highlights from their “wild” Campout adventures.

“Going to summer camp, camping out, and taking road trips to national parks are all iconic American summer experiences we want to share with everyone in our community,” said Kidspace CEO Lisa Clements. “There’s so much natural abundance right here, and families can enjoy the rituals of those experiences through imaginative play without ever unpacking the tent from the garage. Best of all, we’re planning a daily campfire sing-along in the amphitheater, which is a wonderful place to gather and create memories as a community.”

Kidspace Campout highlights include:

- **Road trip!** Navigate your trike over the "Golden Gate Bridge" and through a tunnel on your way to adventure.
- **Go fish.** Put on your life vest, grab a net, and go “fishing” in Winding Willow Lake, our blue-sand play area with a real boat (and whimsical toy fish).
- **Creative Campgrounds.** Whether you choose a lawn chair at the “beach” or a tent in the “woods”, we’ll provide everything you need to set up a fantasy campground of your own – including a replica cooking stove!
- **Wish You Were Here!** Design your own postcard in the Nature Exchange and mail your memories to someone special.
- **Multi-Sensory Nature Walk.** You need to use more than just your eyes to connect with nature – smell, hearing, and touch are important too! You may be surprised to discover how many animals are living all around you.
- **Campfire Sing-Along.** Gather ‘round our fanciful “campfire” for traditional and silly campfire songs and activities.

In addition to celebrating the special ***Kidspace Campout*** events and activities, families can enjoy their favorite Kidspace features including playing in the Arroyo stream and water features, navigating the Ant Tunnel, exploring what’s over the rainbow at the top of our Raindrop Climber, and getting hands-on with science in our Physics Forest.

Guests can visit kidspacemuseum.org to reserve general admission tickets for ***Kidspace Campout*** as well as sign up for a Family Membership and discover more about Kidspace year-round.

For the latest announcements and updates, follow Kidspace Children’s Museum on Instagram, Facebook, and Twitter.

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ABOUT KIDSPACE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

Kidspace Children's Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit educational and cultural institution committed to serving the needs and interests of children and families. Kidspace hosts nearly 380,000 guests each year on a beautiful, 3.5-acre outdoor campus with more than 40 hands-on exhibits, a live animal collection, and a variety of creative play spaces and water features. Kidspace offers a wide array of free and discounted programs, field trips, and digital resources for schools to maximize access for children and educators.

Protecting the safety of our visitors and staff is important to Kidspace. In order to allow for social distancing, the availability of indoor spaces is subject to capacity.