

Celebrate Summer at the Springfield Museums

SPRINGFIELD - Family fun is in store for visitors to the Springfield Museums from July 5 through August 13 during “Summer Festival Days,” six-weeks of live performances, puppet shows, art activities, and hands-on science activities.

The series will kick off July 5-9 with “Pirates and Princesses Week.” Activities are free with the price of museum admission unless noted. Summer Festival Days is sponsored in part by Berkshire Bank.

Monday, July 5

Decorate a pirate picture frame, noon-3:45 p.m.

Tuesday, July 6

Performance, 1 p.m.: *Sea Story* by Rosalita’s Puppets - In this delightful marionette show, a pirate is caught in a storm and ends up at the bottom of the sea where he is discovered by a mermaid.

Wednesday, July 7

Performance, 1 p.m.: *A Pirate’s Life* by Julie & Brownie – Take a voyage on the Bonnie Lady, an 1850s clipper ship, and learn about life at sea with some lively sea songs.

Thursday, July 8

Design a pirate picture frame, noon-3:45 p.m.

Friday, July 9

Performance, 1 p.m.: *The Banana Princess* by Galapagos Puppets – A monk and his followers find their path to India blocked by a blazing mountain of fire and the Banana Princess’s magical fan is the only thing that can put it out.

Daily Activities:

See the special exhibit of LEGO® sculptures, *The Art of the Brick*, at the D’Amour Museum of Fine Arts and create your own LEGO masterpieces in The Brick Lab at the Science Museum.

(additional fee)

Hands-on Family Science Adventures, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Planetarium shows, 11:15 a.m., noon, 1 & 2 p.m., Science Museum (additional fee).

Scavenger Hunts, 11 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Pan for gems and minerals at the Museum Mining Company, noon-3:45 p.m. (additional fee)

Upcoming programs in the “Summer Festival Days” series are:

- July 12-16 – Amazing Animals
- July 19-23 – African Adventures
- July 26-30 – Mythical Creatures
- August 2-6 – Puppet Potpourri
- August 9-13 – Super Science

The Springfield Museums are located on the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards Street in downtown Springfield. Free parking is available in the Edwards Street parking lots. Summer hours are Monday through Sunday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. (Science Museum open Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sunday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.). Admission is \$12.50 for adults, \$9 for seniors and college students, \$6.50 for children 3-17, and free for children under three and museum members. General admission is free for Springfield residents with proof of address. The fee provides admission to all four museums and the Dr. Seuss National Memorial Sculpture Garden.

For information, call 413-263-6800 or visit www.springfieldmuseums.org.