

Spend February Vacation with Creepy Crawly Critters

The Springfield Museums have planned a week of family fun during February school vacation. “Creepy Crawly Critters” activities will be offered Monday, Feb. 20 through Friday, Feb. 24, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and are free with museum admission unless noted.

Scheduled Activities:

Monday, Feb. 20

- 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - *Hooray for Herps* by Teaching Creatures, a live animal demonstration with reptiles and amphibians.
- 1 p.m. - *Creepy, Crawly BUGS Bonanza* by Mister G, singing and dancing to tunes about worms, frogs, fireflies, crocodiles, sharks and centipedes.

Tuesday, Feb. 21

- 11 a.m.-noon – Reptile and Amphibian Encounter, live animal demonstration.
- 1 p.m. – Live Birds of Prey presented by Wingmasters.

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- 10:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - *Hooray for Herps* by Teaching Creatures, a live animal demonstration with reptiles and amphibians.
- 1 p.m. – *The Elephant Child* by the Puppet People, a colorful performance with hand puppets, marionettes, and soft sculpture scenery.

Thursday, Feb. 23

- 11 a.m.-noon – Reptile and Amphibian Encounter, live animal demonstration.
- Noon and 2 p.m. – *The Bug Show* by the Toe Jam Puppet Band, funny songs and stories about ants, spiders, worms, and a mouse that lives in Tom’s house.

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Friday, Feb. 24

- Noon and 2 p.m. – *Bugs!* by the Dinoman Science Series, learn all about bugs with a giant costumed bug.

Daily Activities:

- Gallery Science Demonstration, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Discover the wonders of science through hands-on activities.
- Scavenger Hunts, 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m. – Explore the galleries and locate things in the art and history museums.
- Planetarium Shows, 11:15 a.m., noon, 1& 2 p.m. – Embark on an outer space adventure (additional fee).
- Art Activities, 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. – Color animal tails or design your own critter.
- Art Activities, noon-3:45 p.m. – Design your own crawly spiders.

Special Exhibits

- *Frogs: A Chorus of Colors*, a variety of exotic live frogs from around the world on view in fifteen different habitats filled with rock ledges, live plants and waterfalls. (\$5 special exhibit fee for all visitors ages 3 and up in addition to museum admission.)
- *Old Masters to Monet: Three Centuries of French Painting from the Wadsworth Atheneum*, (\$10 special exhibition fee for adults, \$5 for children ages 12-17 in addition to museum admission.) **Note:** A combination ticket to see both special exhibits is \$12.50 for adults and \$7.50 for ages 12-17.

The Springfield Museums are located on the Quadrangle at 21 Edwards Street in downtown Springfield. Free onsite parking is available in the Edwards Street parking lots. Vacation Week hours are Monday through Friday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. General 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. Springfield residents are free with proof of address. The fee provides admission to all Springfield Museums.

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