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## **Museum summer programs begin next week**

Children's summer programs ranging from rockets to museum mysteries begin next week at the Sioux City Public Museum.

"We have an exciting new slate of programs this summer along with a returning favorite," said Steve Hansen, Museum director. "Our goal is to find a variety of ways to engage youth in history and learning."

Among the new programs being offered this year is "Rockets!", a series of three classes for youth ages 10-12. "Cooking with Laura Ingalls Wilder" for ages 8 and up will feature the foods of the *Little House on the Prairie* book series. "Celebrating Diversity," a look at other cultures, will be offered for two age groups, ages 6 and up and ages 4-5. Other programs for ages 6 and up include an "Independence Day Celebration," and "On the Go...", a look at the history of transportation in Sioux City. Returning again are three sessions of "A Kids' Clues Museum Mystery" for children ages 3-5.

Class sizes are limited; pre-registration is required by calling 279-6174 or e-mailing [museumeducation@sioux-city.org](mailto:museumeducation@sioux-city.org). Some classes require pre-payment to hold the reservation.

The Sioux City Public Museum's summer programming is being made possible in part with funding from the Gilchrist Foundation.

For a limited time, the Sioux City Museum & Historical Association is offering \$5 off new memberships when joining as part of a summer program registration. The special \$25 family membership provides a discount to class fees as well as discounts to museums across the country.

Classes will be held June 3 through August 5. For a complete listing of summer programming, visit [www.siouxcitymuseum.org](http://www.siouxcitymuseum.org) or pick up the Summer Fun and Action Guide at any City of Sioux City location. The Sioux City Public Museum is housed in the historic John Peirce Mansion at 2901 Jackson Street.

The 2009 summer class schedule is as follows:

Ages 3-5 -- Fees \$2/member, \$3/nonmember

Wednesday, June 3  
Kids Clues  
10 – 11 a.m.

Wednesday, July 1  
Kids Clues  
10 – 11 a.m.

Wednesday, August 5  
Kids Clues  
10 – 11 a.m.

Ages 4-5 – Fees \$2/member, \$3/nonmember

Thursday, June 18  
Celebrating Diversity  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 16  
Celebrating Diversity  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Ages 6 and up – Fees \$8/member, \$10/nonmember

Tuesday, June 16  
Celebrating Diversity  
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 2  
Independence Day  
1 – 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 22  
On the Go...  
10 – 11:30 a.m.

Ages 8 and up – Fees \$8/members, \$10/nonmembers

Wednesday, July 29  
Cooking with Laura Ingalls Wilder,  
Choice of two sessions:  
10 – 11:30 a.m. or 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Ages 10-12 – Fees \$10 member, \$12/nonmember

Wednesdays, June 10, June 17, and June 24  
(attend all three sessions)  
Rockets! Series  
10 a.m. – noon

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