



CALENDAR LISTINGS

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PLEASE TOUCH MUSEUM HOSTS NOT-SO-SPOOKY EVENTS AND FESTIVE PROGRAMS BETWEEN OCTOBER 2011 – MARCH 2012

May 24, 2011 / PHILADELPHIA, PA— Please Touch Museum®, the Children’s Museum of Philadelphia, celebrates the holidays with seasonal events and exhibits. *Boo Boulevard* and *Healthy Halloween*, presented by PECO, will help children enjoy Halloween in a fun, safe and healthy atmosphere. *Enchanted Colonial Village*, supported by The Philadelphia Foundation, kicks-off the holidays with the magic and motion of the display from the former Lit Brothers department store. Children will ring in the New Year with the *Annual Countdown to Noon™ Celebration*. Other activities planned for October 2011 through March 2012 include PTM’s *16th Annual Great Friend to Kids Award*, *Target First Wednesdays*, and regular exhibits. All activities will take place at Please Touch Museum, Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park, 4231 Avenue of the Republic, Philadelphia, PA 19131. Activities do not require advance registration or tickets, unless otherwise noted.

PLEASE NOTE: All programs listed are subject to change. Please visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org or check the “Today’s Fun” signs on the gallery floor for the most up to date listings.

OCTOBER 2011

Centennial Grown-Up Tour

Ongoing

Hours: Tuesday and Thursday, 2:00pm

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Program Room Fun

Ongoing

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Story Castle Fun

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Playhouse Theater: *Fly Fishing*, Presented by PECO

Ongoing Saturday, October 1 – Sunday, December 4, 2011

Hours: Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 11:00am, 1:00pm and 3:00pm, Sundays at 1:00pm and 3:00pm

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Lunch and Learn: Art and Architecture

Monday, October 3, 2011

Hours: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Cost: \$36.00 (includes presentation, tour and gourmet lunch), 10% discount with student identification. Designed as one of the first buildings in the U.S. in the Beaux Arts style—Memorial Hall, a National Historic Landmark is an internationally significant building cloaked in symbolism, meaning and history. Learn about its history, the architect and the international art that filled its halls in 1876. Program features lunch and discussion with Director of Collections & Content Stacey Swigart, followed by a history-themed tour of the building.

Target First Wednesday

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

Hours: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Cost: \$2.00

Target First Wednesdays give visitors two hours of extra playtime at an affordable price. Regular hours are extended 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Admission for guests over the age of one is discounted to \$2.00.

Boo Boulevard, Presented by PECO

Saturday, October 22 – Monday, October 31, 2011

Hours: Monday – Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Sunday 11:00am – 5:00pm

Please Touch Museum transforms *Enchanted Colonial Village* into *Boo Boulevard* during “Healthy and Safe Halloween Month.” In addition to animatronic characters from the former Lit Brothers department store, *Boo Boulevard* will feature festive fall decorations, spooky sounds, and items from PTM’s permanent collection of contemporary and historic toys. The *Boulevard* will be haunted by not-so-spooky Halloween-themed characters. For a final schedule of character appearances and story times, please visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org. *Boo Boulevard* is presented by PECO.

Healthy and Safe Halloween Day, Presented by PECO

Monday, October 31, 2011

Hours: Monday – Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Sunday 11:00am – 5:00pm

Children are invited to trick-or-treat in the most unique neighborhoods in all of space and time!! Please Touch Museum presents a healthy and safe Halloween in PTM’s themed galleries. Kids can dress up like an astronaut for an outer space adventure in *Flight Fantasy*, put on a tool belt in Busy Build, or dress for a tea party in *Alice in Wonderland!* As part of the “Get Up and Grow Initiative,” PTM will feature healthy Halloween trick-or-treating. *Boo Boulevard* will feature fall decorations, spooky sounds, and costumed characters. For a final schedule of character appearances and story times, please visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org. Halloween Weekend and Halloween Day are presented by PECO.

NOVEMBER 2011

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Playhouse Theater: *Fly Fishing, Presented by PECO*

Ongoing – Sunday, December 4, 2011

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Target First Wednesday

Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Hours: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Cost: \$2.00

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Lunch and Learn: 1876 Centennial Exhibition

Monday, November 14, 2011

Hours: 12:00pm – 2:00pm

Cost: \$36.00 (includes presentation, tour and gourmet lunch), 10% discount with student identification.

Over ten million people came to Philadelphia in 1876 to learn about the latest inventions, taste new culinary treats, see the latest in art, architecture and design, and hear the sounds of industry, music and much more! It was the USA's 100th Birthday—a World's Fair of magnificent proportions. Utilizing just some of the thousands of images that were taken at the fair, learn more about this important event and the vestiges it left behind. Program features lunch and discussion with Director of Collections & Content Stacey Swigart, followed by a history-themed tour of the building.

Enchanted Colonial Village, Supported by The Philadelphia Foundation

Thursday, November 17 – Monday, January 2, 2012

Hours: Monday – Saturday 9:00am - 5:00pm, Sunday 11:00am – 5:00pm

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16th Annual Great Friend to Kids Awards

Thursday, November 10, 2011

Hours: 6:30pm

Price: Tickets start at \$150

Please Touch Museum presents the *16th Annual Great Friend to Kids Awards* (GFTK) to honor individuals and organizations with ties to the Philadelphia region that make outstanding contributions to enriching the lives of children. The ceremony will feature an award and video presentation to honor each recipient, as well as cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres. GFTK proceeds will support PTM exhibits and programs. Sponsorship opportunities, individual tickets and program book ads are available. For information or to purchase tickets, contact Margaret Walker at 215-581-3175 or mwalker@pleasetouchmuseum.org.

Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving Holiday

Thursday, November 24, 2011

Hours: Closed

Please Touch Museum will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. PTM will re-open at 9:00am on Friday, November 26, 2011.

DECEMBER 2011

Centennial Grown-Up Tour

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Target First Wednesday

Wednesday, December 7, 2011

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Christmas Eve Hours

Saturday, December 24, 2011

Time: Early closing at 3:00pm

Please Touch Museum will close at 3:00pm on Saturday, December 24, 2011. PTM's Kids Store will be open from 9:00am until 3:00pm. Give the gift of creative play for the holidays.

Closed in Observance of Christmas Holiday

Sunday, December 25, 2011

Time: Closed

PTM will be closed on Christmas Day. PTM will re-open at 9:00am on Monday, December 26, 2011.

Annual Countdown to Noon™ Celebration

Saturday, December 31, 2011

Hours: 9:00am – 3:00pm, Countdown programs at 12:00pm and 1:00pm

Price: Included with regular ticket

Countdown to Noon™ lets children usher in the New Year at a party created just for them! As Noon hour arrives, little party animals will countdown to 2012 as streamers and confetti blast from Countdown cannons. Festivities also include art and storytelling activities, as well as other special surprises. For a final list of *Countdown* activities, please visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org. *Countdown to Noon™* celebrations will take place at Noon and 1:00pm.

New Year's Eve Hours

Saturday, December 31, 2012

Hours: Early closing at 3:00pm

The museum will close at 3:00pm on Saturday, December 31, 2011. PTM will re-open at 11:00am on New Year's Day.

JANUARY 2012

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Playhouse Theater

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New Year's Day Schedule

Sunday, January 1, 2012

Hours: 11:00am – 5:00pm

Kick-off the New Year with a fun day of play at Please Touch Museum. New Year's Day hours are 11:00am until 5:00pm.

Target First Wednesday

Wednesday, January 4, 2012

Hours: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

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Wednesday, February 1, 2012

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Please Touch Museum® at Memorial Hall, Fairmount Park is dedicated to enriching the lives of children by providing learning opportunities through play. Recognized locally and nationally as one of the best children's museums, Please Touch is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00am until 5:00pm and Sundays 11:00am until 5:00pm. Admission is \$15 for adults and children age one and over. Children under one are free. For more information, please call 215-581-3181, or visit www.pleasetouchmuseum.org. Join Please Touch Museum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pleasetouchmuseum, and Twitter at www.twitter.com/pleasetouch.