



Wonder Works

APRIL 2008 NEWS

A Children's Museum in Oak Park
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Wonder Works is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization.

THE 6th ANNUAL WIDE WORLD OF WONDER WORKS GOLF

Wednesday, June 4, 2008

Traditions at Chevy Chase Golf Course, 1001 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Wheeling, IL

It's a great day...and it benefits Wonder Works. In addition to being an important part of our operating budget, funds raised at the outing help us bring in more kids for field trips who otherwise can't afford to come. Help us help them through imaginative play.

The shotgun start begins at noon and includes lunch, cocktails and dinner. There will be games on the course, great prizes and a raffle.

Cost is \$225 per person or \$850 for a foursome. Hole sponsorships are also available at \$350 each.

For information or to sign up or sponsor a hole, please contact John Harris (jharris@a5inc.com or 312.706.2529) or Michael Griffin (michael.griffin@dowjones.com or 312.560.7247).

HELP PLANT AN ORGANIC GARDEN AT WONDER WORKS

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays in May at 3:30 pm

Join Wonder Works after school as we prepare our organic garden. Children dig in the dirt, mix organic material, release worms in the soil and make plant beds. A staff person will be on hand to lead all activities, answer questions and teach about organic gardening. Work continues all summer long, leading up to harvesting ripe produce and eating it. Garden activities take place when weather permits. Thanks to Seven Generations Ahead (www.sevengenerationsahead.org) for its help establishing the organic garden.

SPRING CLEANING AT WONDER WORKS!

Don't miss this chance to clean out your closets and help children at the same time. Donate your used toys to Wonder Works. We will keep the toys we can use and donate the others to the Salvation Army. Toys should be in good condition.

ADULTS CAN HAVE FUN AT WONDER WORKS TOO...

Come meet other parents in the community, join in the fun, and gain the satisfaction of contributing to the success of an organization that children love. Wonder Works is looking for potential members to grow our Board (now that we're almost five!) and recruiting talented individuals for our Board committees.

See other side of newsletter for more information.

SUMMER EVENTS AT WONDER WORKS

Late Spring Classes Start Now

Registration is still open for the fourth session of Wonder Works classes. Our classes run April 7 through May 31, with makeup classes June 2-7. To register visit www.wonder-works.org.

Summer Class Schedule Now Available

Check our web site, www.wonder-works.org, for a complete schedule of summer classes. Registration begins May 15. To accommodate vacation schedules, this summer we offer two four-week sessions or one eight-week session for each class. The first session is June 16 to July 19 and the second session is July 21 to August 16. The eight-week session is June 16 to August 16, with a break from June 30 to July 5.

Our classes allow children and their adult to spend focused quality time together in a creative way and offer a wide range of topics, from Bouncing Babies to Terrific Tunes to Family Crafts. For more information or to register, call the museum at 708.383.4815 or visit our web site at www.wonder-works.org.

And don't forget about our exciting workshops, which run throughout the summer. The one-hour events give children a chance to make crafts to take home, including tie-dying t-shirts, painting birdhouses and making recycled paper. Visit the web site for more details and times.

Lego Day

Saturday, August 16, 3 to 5 pm

Wonder Works Back to School Carnival

Friday, August 22 and Saturday, August 23. (Watch website for details.)

\$20 OFF YOUR NEXT WONDER WORKS PARTY

Bring this coupon to Wonder Works and receive \$20 off any party booked by April 30 for parties scheduled for May 1 through June 30.



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Coupon expires 4-30-2009. Limit one coupon per customer per visit.

WONDER WORKS IS LOOKING FOR A FEW WONDERFUL PEOPLE

The Committees that are currently accepting new members are:

Gala Committee - Help to throw the museum's biggest party of the year. There's something to do for every interest – invitations, food, drink, decorating, live and silent auction, entertainment, set-up, clean up. Come to the planning meeting on Wednesday, April 30th at 7 p.m. at the museum to learn more. (Children are welcome to come play.)

Grant Committee – Help to raise funds for the museum by doing research to find prospects, calling organizations for more information, or writing proposals.

Program and Special Events Committee – Work with museum staff to plan programs and events in the museum and in the community, or volunteer to help at the events.

Potential Board members should contact John Harris, Board President, at 312.706.2529.

If you're interested in helping on a Committee or have another talent to share with the museum, contact Mary Bodlak, Executive Director, at 708.383.4815.



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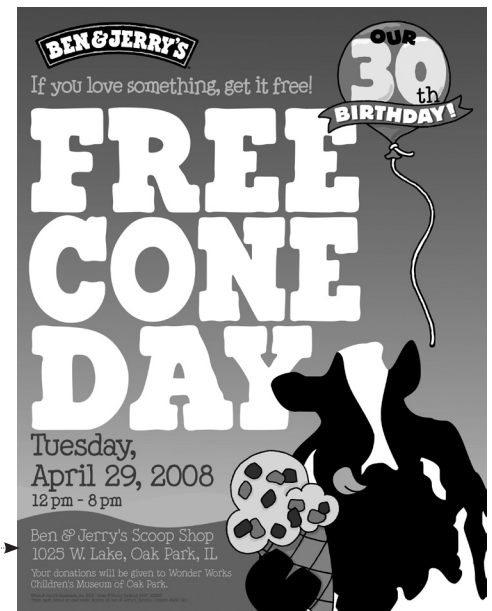
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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the following organizations for funding Wonder Works:

Wonder Works received a grant from the Illinois Arts Council for Black History Month in February of 2008. This grant funded a weekly story hour and craft, as well as performances from Atiba Jali, I'm Your Puppet Productions and Ella Jenkins.

The Oak Park Area Arts Council (OPAAC) has awarded Wonder Works a general operating grant for 2008.

We are proud to say that this is the fifth year that we have received a grant from OPAAC.

Wonder Works has established a \$20,000 endowment fund with the help of a matching grant from the Oak Park River Forest Community Foundation. Twenty-two individual donors donated the \$10,000 that Wonder Works raised for this fund. We will continue to grow the endowment over time to ensure that future generations of children will have access to the museum.