

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).

Wonder Works Is Looking For A Few Wonderful People

The Committees that are currently accepting new members are:

Gala Committee

Help 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.

Grant Committee

Help 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.

Thank You!

Thank you to Radio Flyer for its continued support of our children's museum. Visit www.radioflyer.com to support them!

And 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.

Wonder Works Is Traveling

Come visit us at community festivals in Oak Park, Forest Park and Chicago for children's games and face painting.

- May 31 Galewood Glide, Sayre Park, Chicago
- June 1 Day in Our Village,
Scoville Park, Oak Park
- June 7 Summerfest, Forest Park
- June 7 Berwyn Park District
- June 21. . . . Bake sale at Oak Park Farmer's Market
- July 3 Taste of Chicago, Chicago
- July 12 Donut sale at Oak Park
Farmer's Market
- August 8 . . . Kelvyn Park Health Fair, Chicago

HAVE YOUR PARTY AT WONDER WORKS

We are a perfect place for parties during and after hours. Wonder Works will even come to your block party with games and/or face painting. For more information or to register for a party, visit www.wonder-works.org.



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SIGN UP NOW FOR SUMMER CLASSES at WONDER WORKS

You can still register for classes at Wonder Works.

To accommodate vacation schedules this summer we offer two four-week sessions or one eight-week session. 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 the Wonder Works website at www.wonder-works.org.

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 can dig in the dirt, mix organic material, release worms in the soil, make beds and plant produce. A staff person will be on hand to lead all activities and answer questions 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.

THE RETURN OF LEGO DAY

Saturday, August 16, 3 to 5pm

Children and parents alike can share in the creative fun and build anything they can imagine from one of the world's largest pile of Legos.

WONDER WORKS IS ACCEPTING DONATIONS

Requested items include: art supplies, costumes, play food, hand puppets, large building blocks, play tools, kids picnic tables, riding toys and wooden trains. To donate items, please call the museum at 708.383.4815 or email info@wonder-works.org.

WONDER WORKS SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Join us for Wonder Works Summer Workshops. Workshops can be signed up for by calling us at 708.383.4815, or by visiting www.wonder-works.org.

Tie-Dye a T-Shirt

Wednesday, July 16 at 3:30pm
and Saturday, August 2 at 11am.
\$10 per child.

Make a groovy, colorful shirt for summer! Children receive a t-shirt to tie-dye and can bring up to two shirts of their own. Please make sure children are dressed appropriately for the activity.

Paint Your Own Birdhouse

Wednesday, July 9 at 3:30pm
and Saturday, August 9 at 11am.
\$10 per child.

Create a colorful home for birds and enjoy nature in a new way. Wonder Works will give each child a wooden birdhouse to paint and take home.

Paper Making

Wednesday, June 18 at 3:30pm
and Saturday, July 26 at 11am.
\$5 per child.

Simulate how recycled paper is made. Starting with used paper from the art room, children will soak the paper, blend it into pulp then flatten into new paper to be used again.

WONDER WORKS IS HOSTING SUMMER CAMP WITH MAD SCIENCE

The Garden!

Monday - Friday, June 23 - 27, 2 to 5pm

Children ages three to five will learn where plants grow, how weather makes a healthy garden, parts of a plant, what plants produce and other inhabitants of a garden.

Moving with Science

Monday - Friday, August 4 - 8, 2 to 5pm

Children from kindergarten through fourth grade will learn about wildlife, levers and pulleys, work on their very own "camera obscura" and become a Mad Science Scientist in this week long camp produced by Mad Science.

For more information or to register for summer camps, visit wonder-works.org or call the museum at 708.383.4815.