The Children’s Museum & Theatre of Maine exists to inspire discovery and imagination through exploration and play. We serve as an indispensable resource for families and educators, helping to create a broad community devoted to our children’s development and learning.

Why us?

• We provide students with hands-on experiences that support in-class learning.
• We support risk-taking and exploration in safe environments.
• We create a space to collaborate, work as a team and be spontaneous.
• Our theatre inspires children to see themselves as actors and to share a story.
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Learning Through Play

Designed to spark imagination, our exhibits, performances, and programs extend the classroom curriculum by providing rich, hands-on, experiential learning.

Field trip reduced admission rates give groups the opportunity to explore exhibits at their own pace with a focus on play.

Group Admission
- $8.50 per person for a 2 hour visit of exhibit play to explore the Museum & Theatre on your own!
- For groups of 10 or more
- Two adults per 10 children admitted FREE
- Available Tuesday through Friday

Add a Private Program
- $9.50 per person for a 2 hour visit with a 30 minute guided program: includes 90 minutes of exhibit play.
- Up to 25 students per program
- For groups of 10 or more
- Two adults per 10 children admitted FREE
- Available Tuesday through Friday

Add a Performance
- Group shows of 10 or more may book seats in an existing performance for $8 per ticket
- Or book a private show for $450
- $16.50 to Stay and Play (1 hour of theatre performance, 2 hours of exhibit playtime)
- Our theatre seats up to 60 people
Outreach

Outreach programs bring the Museum & Theatre’s resources and expertise directly to you.

Outreach Rates
Rates vary by program. (See our program section for available rates.)
There is a two program minimum beyond 25 miles and a three program minimum beyond 50 miles of the Museum & Theatre.

- Regular programs can accommodate a maximum of 25
- Maximum of 60 audience members for puppet shows
- Maximum of 150 audience members for Elephant and Piggie: Let’s Put On A Show

New Add On - Extension Kits
Bring the Museum & Theatre to your classroom with our collections. These three week rentals are available following a Field Trip or Outreach program for $100.
Extended hands-on learning options include: Dinosaur Fossil Detectives, Maine Animal Adaptations, and Ancient Maine: Rocks & Minerals

New Museum On The Go
For events of 100 people or more
The Museum & Theatre on the Go programs are designed to offer large audiences an opportunity to experience an activity, exhibit, or live collection. An experienced educator will guide learning and hands-on exploration for ages 0-14 and their caregivers. Stop by for a few minutes or stay longer and explore. Museum on the Go sets up on a six-foot table with the exception of The Life of Istar, A Humpback Whale. Indoor and outdoor options available. Museum on the Go exploration is booked in 1/2 hour increments. $150 for the first half-hour and $75 for subsequent 1/2 intervals.

The Life of Istar, A Humpback Whale
Theatre Shows

Experience a Theatre Show

Main Stage performances engage and inspire groups and students through theatre for kids, by kids!

Theatre Rates

Purchase a block of tickets at a reduced rate just for groups or book a private performance.

- $8 per ticket to a Main Stage theatre production.
- $16.50 per person for a ticket to a Main Stage theatre show, plus 2 hours of exhibit play.
- $450 to reserve a private showing of a Main Stage theatre show for up to 60 people.
- Some of our shows tour! Touring shows range from $150- $450 plus mileage.

Groups of 10 or more are eligible for these group theatre rates. Shows are approximately one-hour long and are available on select dates.

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Theatre + Show Descriptions

Performed by our company of young actors, for an audience of all ages.

**STUART LITTLE**
Join the mouse named Stuart Little, born into an ordinary New York family, and his many adventures—both big and small.

**THE VELVETEEN RABBIT**
More than anything, The Velveteen Rabbit wants to be a real rabbit. When he is finally given the chance, he has to choose between his dream and the boy who loves him.

**THE FROG PRINCE**
A Princess meets a very chatty frog who eventually convinces the reluctant Princess to (yuck!) kiss him! ...Or do they? Join us as we turn this classic tale upside down with an original script adapted for our stage.

**DRAGONS LOVE TACOS**
Find out what happens when a boy and his faithful dog throw a party for dragons with the help from a very informative commercial. But watch out! This party could be a disaster if any spicy salsa turns up!

Performed by adults for young audiences.

**New ELEPHANT & PIGGIE: LETS PUT ON A SHOW!**
In this vaudevillian romp, Elephant and Piggie sing and dance their way through plenty of pachydermal peril and swiney suspense! Performed by an ensemble of adult actors, this show begins a Maine tour in January. Call today to book a show at your school!

**THREE BILLY GOATS GRUFF**
Compare goats of different sizes, from the smallest to the biggest, in this silly puppet performance that contemplates whether the grass is always greener on the other side.
Program Descriptions: All Ages

The Life of Istar, A Humpback Whale
Using storytelling, artifacts, and a giant whale model, learn the life story of Istar, a real humpback whale who lived in the Atlantic Ocean. Learn what humpbacks eat, where they swim, and how they thrive in the ocean. After learning about this famous whale’s life, go inside an inflatable 45-foot, life-size replica of her body. *This program requires a large space such as a gymnasium or cafeteria. Outdoor reservations have restrictions based on weather conditions.

Field Trip: N/A
Outreach: $150
Museum-on-the-go: $150 for the first half hour $75 for subsequent 1/2 intervals

Collaborative Community Mapmaking
Using a variety of art supplies and images, work together to create a collaborative, mixed-media rendition of your unique community. Include the library, school, market, fire station, park, and post office as we learn about community helpers and the geography.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100
Museum-on-the-go: $150 for the first half hour $75 for subsequent 1/2 intervals

Growing Worm’s Growing Garden
Discover how living things around us grow. Meet live red-wiggler worms at every stage of life, from egg to adult, and learn how they help the plants around them grow. Harvest worm castings (nutrient rich worm droppings) to fertilize a seed. Then, take this seed back with you and watch it grow into a big strong plant.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100
Museum-on-the-go: $150 for the first half hour $75 for subsequent 1/2 intervals

Meet the Turtles
Get up-close and personal with live yellow-bellied slider turtles! Use scientific observation skills while exploring real turtle artifacts such as shells and skulls. Learn all about the anatomy and biology of various turtles and tortoises from the land and sea before meeting a live turtle.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100
The Three Little Pigs Engineering Challenge
Explore this classic tale with a STEM twist. Challenge your group to design, build, and share sturdy houses that can withstand the huffing and puffing of the Big Bad Wolf.

Field Trip: N/A
Outreach: N/A
Museum-on-the-go: $150 for the first half hour $75 for subsequent 1/2 intervals

Microbes and ‘Scopes
Take a dive into the tiny living world, invisible to the naked eye, but around us every day: microbes! Check out the wild and wacky shapes, colors, and functions of these microorganisms, from creating compost and yogurt to building snowflakes and helping your body digest food. Peer into a microscope to take a look at these little guys up close. Then try your hand at some microbe art and recreate this tiny world for yourself.

Field Trip: N/A
Outreach: N/A
Museum-on-the-go: $150 for the first half hour $75 for subsequent 1/2 intervals

Backyard Exhibit Space: Chris Van Dusen’s Down to the Sea: An Outdoor Adventure
Early Childhood + Kindergarten

**Fair Ways to Play**
Get ready for an interactive puppet show using Imagination Playground Blue Blocks™️ and a friendly, blue monster puppet named Sully. Along with building challenges, a puppeteer facilitates fair ways to play, negotiations with peers, and vocalizing needs. This program complements any social-emotional learning curriculum.

**Field Trip:** $9.50/per  
**Outreach:** $100

**Ocean Exploration**
Use imagination and puppetry to journey deep into the ocean. With the help of light levels to explore ocean zones, students transform into ocean-dwelling creatures in our Theatre and meet live creatures from the intertidal zone by visiting our Tide Pool Touch Tank.

**Field Trip:** $9.50/per  
**Outreach:** N/A

**Light and Shadow Play**
Explore the folktale, Abiyoyo, in this unique and hands-on program that combines science, storytelling, and theatre. Journey through the physics of light and shadow before diving into this classic tale using interactive shadow puppets. Use your whole body to tell a story and learn a song!

**Field Trip:** $9.50/per  
**Outreach:** $100
We Dig Dinos
Through the eyes of four different scientists (Fossil Hunter, Paleontologist, Evolutionary Biologist, and Paleoartist) learn how clues from the past can be pieced together to provide a deeper understanding of extinct creatures. Use movement and dramatic play to explore how a fossil is made. Finally, share your knowledge as we explore current research and new findings about these magnificent beasts.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100
Optional add on: Extension Kit $100

Simple Machines
Discover 6 simple machine models (level, screw, wheel and axel, pulley, inclined plane, and wedge) with hands-on exploration and real-life examples in action. Then, put your knowledge to the test with drama-based engineering challenges.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100

Maine Animal Adaptations
Discover an array of Maine animal adaptations using real artifacts from our collection. Compare the natural abilities and limitations of a variety of animals through role-play interactions. Handle and explore amazing animal artifacts like moose antlers, turtle shells, mammal teeth, skulls, and furs.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100
Optional add on: Extension Kit $100

Story of a Lake
Using a lake replica, storytelling, and natural science, experience how humans have impacted Maine lakes over the past three hundred years. Discover the plants and animals affected by pollution, learn how humans have worked to clean Maine lakes, and problem solve ways to keep Maine’s waterways healthy for generations to come.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100
The Magnificent Enlarging Marshmallow: A Multi-Sensory Science Experiment

In this hands-on air pressure experiment, use collaborative inquiry, scientific method, and design process as we expand balloons, grow marshmallows and explode foam in a giant pressure jar. Explore the social emotional side of human error and ways all scientists cope. Empower your classroom of budding scientists today.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100

Ancient Maine

Imagine this: lava in Lewiston, sea stars on Saddleback, and mammoths in your own backyard. Rocks, minerals, and fossils are clues to what the earth looked like millions and millions of years ago. Get up close and personal with a large collection of real ocean fossils, volcanic rock, and glittering crystals. Through drama and movement, learn how fossils and crystals form to piece together an image of Prehistoric Maine.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100
Optional add on: Extension Kit $100
Museum-on-the-go: $100 for the first half hour $75 for subsequent 1/2 intervals

Action Headquarters: Mission to Save the World

Discover your superpower, don a cape, and solve dramatic challenges as a group. Use theatre and imagination to think like a team—build trust, face fears, work together, and save the world. This creative theatre adventure features our new exhibit, Action Headquarters!

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: N/A

Rainbow Discovery

Discover the optics behind rainbows and color and learn how different animals see the world in colossally different ways. Peer through lenses and binoculars, light up lasers and inspect owl skulls. We’ll play with refraction and reflection and find out what all this has to do with rainbows in our Cloud City exhibit. Includes one rainbow prism to take back to your classroom.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: N/A
We Are Maine: Cultural Heritage Exploration
Meet two families, originally from different places around the world who now live in Maine. Their cultural stories explore family traditions, foods, and holidays through first-person narrated videos. Launch into dynamic discussion, active games, and collaborative art, celebrating culture and identity.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100

Mini-Planetarium Show: STARLAB®
What is a star made of? How did ancient peoples use stars both as a compass and calendar? Learn about the intersection between science and culture by observing the night sky in our star dome. We’ll also analyze a set of stars and create a new constellation myth using critical thinking and creativity.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $150
Grades 4 and up

Heating Up: Climate Change & Sustainability in Maine
Locate microscopic plants and climb inside a life-sized, inflatable humpback whale to learn first-hand how life on earth is connected. In this multidisciplinary approach to science, discover how Maine’s waters, from lakes to rivers to oceans, are affected by climate change.

Field Trip: not available
Outreach: $150

Improviseional Theatre Games
Engage your group with dramatic games and activities to encourage public speaking, improvisational thinking and problem solving. This workshop is easily adaptable and promotes confidence and team-building. Ask about teacher resources that can be tailored to your school curriculum.

Field Trip: $9.50/per
Outreach: $100

Second Floor, Exhibit Space: Space Shuttle
Facility Space Rental

**Enjoy the Museum & Theatre at an event just for your school or community with a facility rental!**

Facility rentals are offered evenings beginning at 5:30pm or 6pm and include:

- Exclusive use of the Museum & Theatre's exhibits with capacity for up to 400 guests
- Tour of the Museum & Theatre and event planning assistance
- Access to chairs, tables and table coverings set up in advance of your event
- List of area caterers upon request
- Small kitchen available for catering needs
- Experienced Museum & Theatre staff on-hand to support your function
- Option to include special Museum & Theater educator-led programming

**Get started:** Contact our reservations coordinator to customize your special event:

207-828-1234 x 232 or
e-mail shana@kitetails.org