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US AIRWAYS AND EMERSON NETWORK POWER SPONSOR EARTH & SKY MONTH AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PHOENIX

PHOENIX, AZ (April 10, 2012) – The Children's Museum of Phoenix celebrates the earth and sky this month with hands-on activities and programs generously sponsored by US Airways and Emerson Network Power.

Children will discover the science of aerodynamics, the effects of gravity, and explore ecosystems and photosynthesis all with hands-on projects to take home. They will also learn how a seed grows, and be able to watch live caterpillars as they learn about the life cycle of a butterfly.

All programs are free with paid Museum admission of \$11 per person. Members and children under the age of 1 are free.

Earth & Sky Month programming includes:

IN THE ART STUDIO

Daily, 10:00 – 3:00

April 10th through April 15th

Learn how a seed grows into a plant by creating a miniature paper garden.

April 17th through April 22nd

Children create a baby sea turtle hatching out of an egg while they learn about the life cycle of these ocean creatures.

April 24th through April 29th

Children review the life cycle of the butterfly as they observe real caterpillars. Then, they can make little caterpillars sitting on a leaf.

IN THE CLASSROOM

Thursdays, April 12th, 19th, and 26th

DRAWING FUNDAMENTALS: WITH MASTER ARTIST REGINA D'ANDREA

9:30-11:30

Children will learn to use various drawing materials to discover how to draw airplanes and other things that fly. Young art apprentices will be introduced to basic art concepts including the use of line, shape, and composition, while learning a range of technical methods used by the masters themselves.

Saturday, April 14th

THINGS THAT FLY: PARACHUTES!

10:00 – 11:00

During this hands-on workshop, children between the ages of 4-8 years will have a blast as they discover the effects of gravity by creating a parachute using everyday household items. Space is limited. Tickets are available at <https://tickets.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org>.

Friday, April 20th

SEED PLANTING!

1:00 - 3:00

Children will explore ecosystems and photosynthesis while planting seeds to take home.

Sunday, April 2nd – EARTH DAY

HANDPRINT WREATHS

2:00 – 4:00

Join us on Earth Day as we make Handprint Wreaths to reflect all the reasons we need to protect the planet.

Friday, April 27th

PAPER KITES

9:00 – 11:00

Children will be able to create their very own paper kite in celebration of National Kite Month and all things that fly.

Saturday, April 28th

THINGS THAT FLY: PAPER AIRPLANES!

10:00 – 11:00

During this hands-on workshop, children between the ages of 4-8 years will have a blast discovering the science of aerodynamics by creating their very own paper airplane. Space is limited. Tickets are available at <https://tickets.childrensmuseumofphoenix.org>.

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The Children's Museum of Phoenix is located in the historic Monroe School Building at 215 N. 7th Street in downtown Phoenix. The Museum opened to the public on June 14, 2008 and offers 45,000 square feet of hands-on, fun and educational activities for children ages birth to 10. The mission of the Museum is to engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the grown-ups who care about them. The Museum is open Tuesdays through Sundays, 9am to 4pm. Admission is \$11 per person, children under the age of 1 are free.

AzTAP Department of Services for Persons with Disabilities conducted an accessibility evaluation in August 2008 and summarized, "the Children's Museum of Phoenix is the most exceptionally disability-aware arts institution this evaluator has ever surveyed."