

The background is a solid teal color with a collage of white line-art icons. These include a paintbrush, a hammer, a wrench, a pencil, a test tube, a paint splatter, a book, a globe, a camera, a microscope, a rocket, and several stars of different sizes.

FALL 2018

PROGRAM GUIDE

VIRGINIA DISCOVERY MUSEUM
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A cluster of colorful stars and squares in red, yellow, blue, and purple, arranged in a starburst pattern.



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Types of Programs

- Drop-In Programs (Free with Admission)
- Drop-Off Programs (Paid, Pre-Registration Required)
- Series (Paid, Pre-Registration Required)
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Ways to Register

Online - By clicking the name of drop-off/series program in this guide or on our website at www.vadm.org and clicking the 'Programs' tab.

By Phone - Feel free to give us a call at (434) 977-1025 ext 104

In Person - Stop by anytime Monday-Saturday 9:30am-5pm

Refunds/Cancellations

You may cancel a class as long as it is at least two (2) business days prior to the beginning of each program. VDM will refund the entire program fee when the program is canceled for insufficient enrollment. (A minimum of 6 students is required to hold a class.) If your cancellation causes the program number to fall below the required minimum, the refund will be contingent upon the vacancy being filled. No refunds will be given after the program begins. Please call or email us. Unfortunately, you cannot cancel online.

Financial Assistance

If there is a financial hardship that would prevent your child from participating, please contact Myriah Pirhala, Programming Education Manager, at 434-977-1025 ext 104 for scholarship information. You will be asked to fill out either a paper or electronic scholarship request form. Scholarships are provided on a rolling scale based on financial need.

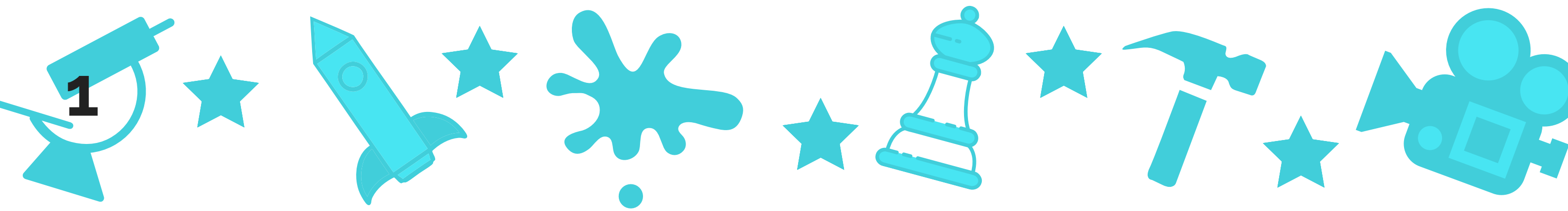
If you or your organization would like to donate to our scholarship fund, please contact us, or simply mail a check payable to Virginia Discovery Museum that indicates "Scholarship Fund." Thank you for assisting us in achieving our vision to be a vital community resource where children from economically and culturally diverse backgrounds explore, imagine and discover together.

FAQs

What if a program I want is filled? We place children on a waiting list. Situations often arise where a child is not able to attend. We utilize the waiting list in the event of cancellations.



Visit our website for more information at www.vadm.org





DROP-IN PROGRAMS

Storytime

1st, 3rd, Last Monday 10:30am-11:00am, ALL AGES
(Creation Station)

Join special guests like PBS, New Dominion Bookstore, and Miss Carole, as they read stories suitable for all ages. This program is located in Creation Station and all ages are welcome.

Baby Buds

Tuesdays 10:30am-11:00am, Ages 6mo-17mo
(Creation Station)

Playtime with baby creates brighter futures and stronger bonds. Infants 6 to 17 months old and their favorite adult will play together in activities that encourage physical growth, social-emotional development, and emerging language skills. Each month will focus on a central theme, while each week will focus on a different area within the theme.

Week 1 - Art **Week 2** - Sensory **Week 3** - Fine Motor
Week 4 - Music

Little Innovators

Tuesdays 4pm-4:30pm, Ages 4-8 (Creation Station)

Little Innovators will imagine, create, make, build, tinker, experiment, explore, and collaborate. Themes will be STEAM-related science experiments, building challenges, and art projects.

**Meet the Robot Series CHS BACON Club - 9/11,
10/9, 11/13, 12/11**
UVA Chemistry LEAD Program - Every 3rd Tuesday

UVA Learning Lab

Thursdays 4:00pm-4:30pm, Ages 3-6 (Creation Station)

Join UVA's Center for Research in Education and Learning Lab as they continue research in both spatial learning & development and curiosity & question asking. Children will be able to play games centered around both areas. To learn more about this research, visit <http://www.jamiejirout.com/research-areas.html>

Kid Lit

2nd Monday 10:30am-11:00am, Ages 2+ (Creation Station)

Join us for a book and special activity every second Monday. These activities will be extensions of the literature and STEAM-related ranging from art & crafts to experiments and building challenges.

Toddler Takeover

Wednesdays 10:30am-11:00am, Ages 18mo-3yr
(Creation Station)

Toddlers are terrific play partners! Toddler Takeover is perfect for toddlers ages 18-36 months and their caregiver to learn and grow together. Each month will focus on a central theme, while each week will focus on a different area within the theme.

Week 1 - Art **Week 2** - Sensory /Fine Motor **Week 3**
- Nature **Week 4** - Music

Tinker Tots

Thursdays 10:30am-11am, Ages 2-4 (Creation Station)

Tinker Tots explore science, technology, engineering, and math concepts in a hands-on way. Kids develop and test out original ideas. Be it collaborative sewing projects, tinker tables, or other types of tinkering, the creativity will flourish with the combination of loose parts and open-ended learning.

Artventure

Fridays 10:30am-11am, Ages 3-6 (Creation Station)

Artventure fosters creativity through projects that combine traditional arts exploration with opportunities for innovation and problem solving. Taught by Ms. Jarrett, Outreach Education Manager, who has a strong background in studio art and early childhood education.

Living Lab

Saturdays 1:00pm-3:00pm, All Ages

Meet child development researchers from UVA and participate in short, fun activities as part of new and ongoing studies.



A group of children are gathered around a table, looking at a large, white, fan-like object. One child is pointing at it. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people and what appears to be an indoor event space.

DROP-OFF PROGRAMS

To register, click the **BLUE** name of program

Date Night Drop Off

\$25/child; membership discounts apply. Ages 3-10. Must Be Potty Trained.

Join us monthly for our themed Date Night Drop Offs. Each Date Night features activities in line with the monthly theme, as well as time for play in both of our galleries, pizza for dinner, and usually topped off with a dance party!

Lose Your Marbles

Friday, September 28th, 2018 5:30pm-8:30pm

Come lose your marbles with us at our first fall Date Night Drop Off! We will have a blast as we do all sorts of marble fun through physics, building, and art activities.

Monster Mash

Friday, October 19th, 2018 5:30pm-8:30pm

Dive into some monster STEM as we use our imaginations and the design thinking process to design our own monsters, create monster art, and more, while ending the night dancing!

The Great Turkey Race

Friday, November 16th, 2018 5:30pm-8:30pm

Kids will get the chance to make turkey stunt doubles in this Date Night Drop Off. Collaborate to design a turkey that will move fast enough to avoid becoming Thanksgiving Dinner!

Minute to Win It

Friday, December 14th, 2018 5:30pm-8:30pm

Gather 'round with your friends before the holidays to learn and play some awesome STEM-Related party games! Plus, a themed dance party and super cool surprise take-away!

DROP-OFF PROGRAMS

Discovery Workshops

\$15/child; membership discounts apply. Ages 4+.

Select Fridays, 4:15pm-5:15pm (Creation Station)

Looking for some STEAM-themed fun after school? Try Discovery Workshops at the Virginia Discovery Museum! These hour-long mini drop-off programs for children 4 and older focus on science, technology, engineering, art, and math enrichment through interactive games, hands-on crafts, and collaborative challenges.

Scribble Bots

Friday, September 14th, 2018

Come explore robotics and art while making dueling scribble bots. *

Global Cardboard Challenge

Friday, October 5th, 2018

Using the best ever medium, cardboard, children will be able to create large scale (or small scale if they choose) cardboard creations that will be showcased at the museum for a short period, then available to go home!

Woodworking

Friday, September 21st, 2018

Come learn about tool safety and how to use tools while making your own custom wooden creation.

Mystery Bag Challenge

Friday, October 12th, 2018

Who knows what you will receive in your bag! See where your imagination will take you with the prompts and materials in your mystery bag. Take home something completely fun and unique!

Potion Lab

Friday, November 2nd, 2018

Back by popular demand! Who doesn't love potions at this time of year? Learn about the science of potions by watching demonstrations and using Kitchen Chemistry to create your own.

Computer Deconstruction

Friday, November 30th, 2018

Grab your safety goggles! One of our best workshops is back again! Come learn how computers and electronics work from the inside out. Each child will get to take apart electronic components and computer parts, while learning the different functions. The parts can be transformed into anything their imagination desires!

Screenprinting

Friday, November 9th, 2018

Make your own screenprinted textile at this Discovery Workshop! Children will learn the process of screenprinting, while making something unique to take home with them.

Sew a Softie

Friday, December 7th, 2018

Experiment with different textiles while learning the very basics of hand sewing. Using the textiles available, kids will be able to create a softie that is unique to them. *Children will be provided with safety needles depending on age and fine motor skill.

SERIES

Chess Mates

\$65/child; membership discounts apply. Ages 6+.

Wednesday, 4:15pm-5:15pm - Beginner; 5:30pm-6:30pm - Beginner/Intermediate

Does your child like to play chess? Is he or she interested in learning to play this timeless game? Exercise his or her mind muscles at Chess Mates! Led by chess coach John Teixeira, this drop-off program offers two 5-session class options: a Beginner class for ages 6 to 10 and an Intermediate class recommended for ages 10 and older but negotiable depending on your child's skill level. Chess Mates focuses on building an understanding of chess and having fun, all while playing a game that helps develop creativity, executive function, and math skills.

Beginner Class

5-week session: September 12th, September 19th, October 2nd, October 10th, October 17th

Beginner/Intermediate Class

5-week session: September 12th, September 19th, October 2nd, October 10th, October 17th

Makers

\$45/child; membership discounts apply. Ages 6+.

Wednesday, 4:15pm-5:15pm

Makers prepares our kids to be the next generation of makers, designers, creatives, and big thinkers in our city. Our children are creative by nature and by supporting their curiosity, we are supporting their futures. With the Makers series, we are taking a deeper dive into different topics that will help kids to develop into strong, creative thinkers.

We believe in each child having the ability to fully express these traits in an effort to build imaginative and innovative ideas in the future. The building blocks of the entrepreneurial spirit develop and blossom throughout childhood with adequate creative outlets.



It's Electric!

3-Week Mini Session - Nov. 7th, 14th, 21st

Electricity is all around us! All sorts of things can be conductive - playdough, graphite, fruits, even people! This three-week mini-session explores all things electric while learning about static, circuits, and more through exciting maker projects.



Stop Motion Animation

3-Week Mini Session - Nov. 28th, Dec. 5th, 12th

Ever wanted to make your own mini movie? With our stop motion animation mini-session, you will be able to do just that. Learn the basics of making a storyboard, developing characters with either paper or clay, and construct your stop motion animation video.





CALENDAR

Weekly Calendar

Monday	10:30-11:00am 12:00-3:00pm	Storytime/Kid Lit Open Studio/Build
Tuesday	10:30-11:00am 12:00-3:00pm 4:00-4:30pm	Baby Buds Open Studio/Build Little Innovators
Wednesday	10:30-11:00am 12:00-3:00pm 4:15-5:15pm	Toddler Takeover Open Studio/Build Series (Chess/Makers)
Thursday	10:30-11:00am 12:00-3:00pm 4:00-4:30pm	Tinker Tots Open Studio/Build UVA Learning Lab
Friday	10:30-11:00am 12:00-3:00pm 4:15-5:15pm 5:30-8:30pm	Artventure Open Studio/Build Discovery Workshops (select) Date Night Drop Off (select)
Saturday	1:00-3:00pm	Living Lab

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