





FALL 2019

PROGRAM GUIDE

VIRGINIA DISCOVERY MUSEUM
524 EAST MAIN STREET,
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MISSION

The Virginia Discovery Museum is a nonprofit hands-on children's museum serving families with newborns to children age 8 that fosters intellectual curiosity and development for all children of our community.

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TYPES OF PROGRAMS

- **Drop-Ins:** Free with Admission or Membership
- **Drop-Offs:** Paid, Pre-Registration Required
- **Series:** Paid, Pre-Registration Required
- **Camps:** Paid, Pre-Registration Required
- **Special Programs:** Vary

WAYS TO REGISTER

- **Hot Links:** Click the Program Name in This Guide
- **Online:** Visit vadm.org/programs
- **By Phone:** Call (434) 977-1025
- **In Person:** 524 East Main Street (Downtown Mall)
Parking: Market Street or Water Street Garages
Hours: Monday-Saturday 9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

REFUNDS/CANCELLATIONS

A minimum of six students is required for Drop-Offs, Series, Camps, and other paid programs to run. If a program, class, or camp is canceled by the Museum due to insufficient enrollment, the registration fee will be refunded to all registrants.

- For Drop-Offs, Series, and other paid programs, individual registration cancellations must be made at least two business days before the beginning of the corresponding program or class in order to be eligible for a refund.
- For Day-Off Camps, individual registration cancellations must be made at least four business days before the beginning of the corresponding camp in order to be eligible for a refund.

If the cancellation causes the program roster to fall below the required minimum, the refund will be contingent upon the vacancy being filled. No refunds will be issued after a program, class, or camp begins.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Part of the Museum's mission is to make its educational programs available to all. Scholarships are provided for Discovery Workshops, Makers Series, and Day-Off Camps on a rolling scale based on financial need on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is a financial hardship that would prevent your child from participating in one of the programs mentioned above, please call (434) 977-1025 x102 or email operationsdirector@vadm.org for scholarship information.

Financial assistance is not available for Date Night Drop-Offs, Chess Mates, or Special Programs.

Support the Scholarship Fund

If you or your organization would like to support the Museum's scholarship fund, please call (434) 977-1025 x102 or email operationsdirector@vadm.org to learn more.

For more information, visit vadm.org/programs or call (434) 977-1025.



Weekly (September - December 2019)

Free to Attend with Museum Admission or Membership. No Registration Required.

Visitors May Come and Go as Attention Spans Require.

Storytime

Monday Mornings - 10:30-11:00 a.m.

All Ages, with Adult

Meets in Creation Station

Storytime dives into a new and engaging tale each week as we welcome special guest readers and storytellers from the community.

- First Mondays: VPM PBS Kids
- Second & Fourth Mondays:
Miss Carole's Felt Board Stories
- Third Mondays: 2nd Act Books

UVA Learning Lab

Monday Afternoons - 4:00-4:30 a.m.

Ages 4 & Up, with Adult

Meets in Creation Station

UVA Learning Lab is an opportunity for preschoolers and children in early elementary to take an active role in the process of scientific discovery. Engage in various games and puzzles as you help Dr. Jamie Jirout and the Research in Education and Learning Lab at UVA discover new and valuable insights into two areas of children's learning: 1) curiosity and question asking and 2) spatial reasoning skills.



Activities may be video-recorded, and a guardian's consent is required for results to be collected as data.

Small Scientists

Tuesday Mornings - 10:30-11:00 a.m.

Ages 2-5, with Adult

Meets in Creation Station

Discover the scientific world with your Small Scientists! Each week, engage together in hands-on science exploration and tinkering geared specifically for toddlers and preschoolers.



Baby Buds

Wednesday Mornings - 10:15-10:45 a.m.
Ages 6-17 Months, with Adult
Meets in Creation Station

Baby Buds is a playtime for infants and their caregivers with activities that encourage physical growth, social-emotional development, and emerging language skills. Each month, activities will rotate week to week on the following schedule:

- Week 1: Art
- Week 2: Sensory
- Week 3: Fine Motor
- Week 4: Nature

Toddler Takeover

Wednesday Mornings - 11:00-11:30 a.m.
Ages 18 Months - 3 Years, with Adult
Meets in Creation Station

Toddlers are terrific play partners, and Toddler Takeover is the perfect spot for tots and their caregivers to learn and grow together through play. Each month, activities will rotate week to week on the following schedule:

- Week 1: Art
- Week 2: Sensory
- Week 3: Fine Motor
- Week 4: Nature

Music & Movement

Thursday Mornings - 10:30-11:00 a.m.
All Ages, with Adult
Meets in Sound & Music Studio

Music & Movement is a mixed-age class for infants, toddlers, preschoolers, and children in early elementary and their caregivers to come together as a musical community and explore rhythm instruments, finger plays, singing and dancing to music of different meters and tonalities, and parachute play.

Little Innovators

Thursday Afternoons - 4:00-4:30 p.m.
Ages 4 & Up
Meets in Creation Station

Little Innovators is a STEAM-centered program for children in preschool through early elementary to create, tinker, and collaborate through science experiments, building challenges, and art projects. Charlottesville High School BACON and UVA's Chemistry LEAD Program will join us once a month for a "Meet the Robot" series and science demonstrations, respectively.

- BACON: Sep. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14, Dec. 12
- LEAD: Sep. 19, Oct. 17, Nov. 21, Dec. 19



Weekly Themes: vadm.org/calendar
Contact: Frankie Szynskie
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Artventure

Friday Mornings - 10:30-11:00 a.m.
Ages 2 & Up, with Adult
Meets in Creation Station

Artventure is a mixed-age class for toddlers, preschoolers, and children in early elementary to foster creativity and innovative thought through process art and the exploration of various materials and techniques.

Living Lab

Saturday Afternoons - 1:00-4:00 p.m. (Stop by Any Time)
All Ages, with Adult
Meets in Construction Zone

Living Lab is an opportunity for children of all ages to engage in short, fun activities as part of new and ongoing studies as you help researchers from the Child Development Laboratories at UVA discover new insights into how children learn and grow. This program is part of a national initiative developed at the Museum of Science, Boston.



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Every Third Friday | 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Ages 3-10 (Fully Independent in the Bathroom)
\$30/Child. Annual Members: 15% Off.

Drop-Off Programs. Pre-Registration Required.
 Instructor: Frankie Szynskie, frankie@vadm.org or x105.

Need a night out? Let the Virginia Discovery Museum watch the kids! Includes themed activities, a pizza dinner, and plenty of playtime in the Museum galleries.

Shrink Science

Sep. 20 | Register By: Sep. 18 | Capacity: 20

Let's get little! We'll explore the science of shrinking using shrinky dinks and learn about osmosis with the help of gummy bears.

Mini Monsters

Oct. 18 | Register By: Oct. 16 | Capacity: 20

Do the monster mash! We'll brew up some spooky STEAM fun as we concoct our own kooky creatures and things that go bump in the night.

Fall Frenzy

Nov. 15 | Register By: Nov. 13 | Capacity: 20

As the leaves change and fall from the trees, we'll celebrate the season by using found fall materials to construct our own autumn globes.

Ice Night

Dec. 20 | Register By: Dec. 18 | Capacity: 20

Brrr! Pack a parka as we explore ice and meet the creatures who live in frigid climates.





Select Fridays | 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Ages 4 & Up. \$20/Child. Annual Members: 15% Off. Scholarships Available (See Page 1).

Drop-Off Programs. Pre-Registration Required. Instructor: Maggie Hancock, maggie@vadm.org or x106.

Looking for STEAM-themed fun after school? These hour-long mini drop-off programs focus on science, technology, engineering, art, and math enrichment through interactive games, hands-on crafts, and collaborative challenges.

Magnet Mania

Sep. 13 | Register By: Sep. 11 | Capacity: 12

Experiment with magnets as we discover how their attractive and repulsive properties can be used in both scientific exploration and artistic expression.

Circuit Circus

Sep. 27 | Register By: Sep. 25 | Capacity: 12

It's electric! We'll build our own circuit boards and experiment with electric playdough as we learn about circuitry and conductivity.

Shadow & Light

Oct. 11 | Register By: Oct. 9 | Capacity: 12

What is light made of? How are shadows created? We'll shed light on the wonders of optics as we experiment with prisms and form fun shadows with various materials.

Lego-Palooza

Nov. 8 | Register By: Nov. 6 | Capacity: 12

Calling all budding builders! We'll collaborate on engineering challenges as we design and build balloon-powered cars and more.

Easy as Pie

Nov. 22 | Register By: Nov. 20 | Capacity: 12

Mmm-mmm! We'll whip up miniature pies just in time to share for the Thanksgiving season as we learn some baking basics.

Snowflake Symmetry

Dec. 13 | Register By: Dec. 11 | Capacity: 12

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! We'll create our own unique snowflakes as we learn about symmetric designs.





Select Tuesdays & Wednesdays 2-Day Classes | 3:45-5:15 p.m.

**Ages 6 & Up. \$45/Child. Annual Members: 15% Off.
Scholarships Available (Page 1).**

Drop-Off Series. Pre-Registration Required.

Instructor: Maggie Hancock, maggie@vadm.org or x106.

This after-school series takes a deeper look at specific topics to help children in early elementary develop their interests and challenge them to become strong, creative thinkers.

Discovery Detectives

Sep. 3-4 | Register By: Aug. 30 | Capacity: 8

The game is afoot! There's a mystery at the Museum, and we'll collaborate to crack the case as we learn forensic science techniques like chromatography, fingerprinting, and comparative analysis.

Clay Play

Oct. 15-16 | Register By: Oct. 11 | Capacity: 8

Squish, squish! We'll create colorful keepsakes with polymer clay and experiment with electric playdough as we explore sculpting, conductivity, circuitry, and more in this literal mash-up of art and science.

Fall Foliage

Oct. 22-23 | Register By: Oct. 18 | Capacity: 8

As a wave of autumn color washes over Virginia, we'll explore why and how leaves change with the seasons, create metallic leaf prints, and learn to identify different leaf types.



Mural Magic

Nov. 12-13 | Register By: Nov. 8 | Capacity: 8

Calling all mini Matisses and pint-sized Picassos! We'll develop our own color palettes and explore different materials and collage techniques as we create a large-scale art piece to take home.

Little Elves

Dec. 3-4 | Register By: Nov. 29 | Capacity: 8

Let's spread some holiday cheer! We'll work on various community service projects to give back to organizations across Charlottesville, including the SPCA and fire department.





Select Wednesdays (Multi-Week)

Ages 6 & Up. \$80/Child. Annual Members: 15% Off.

Drop-Off Series. Pre-Registration Required.

Led by guest chess coach John Teixeira, this series focuses on building an understanding of chess and having fun, all while developing creativity, executive function, and math skills. Beginner and Intermediate classes available depending on your child's skill level.

Beginner Class

Wednesdays (Sep. 11-Oct. 9)
5 Classes | 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Suitable for players 6 and older who are new to chess or have only a little experience playing.

Intermediate Class

Wednesdays (Sep. 11-Oct. 9)
5 Classes | 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Suitable for players 6 and older who have experience playing chess.

Register By: Sep. 6. Capacity: 12 Children Per Class.



DAY-OFF CAMPS

Offered on Select Teacher Workdays

Ages 4-8. \$75/Child

Annual Members: 15% Off

Scholarships Available (Page 1)

Full-Day Camps

Pre-Registration Required

Instructor: Frankie Szynskie

frankie@vadm.org or x105

School may be out, but that doesn't mean the learning has to stop! Day-Off Camps are offered throughout the school year when Albemarle and Charlottesville public schools close for Teacher Workdays and focus on STEAM enrichment through interactive games, hands-on crafts, and collaborative challenges.

Plant Camp

Sep. 30 | 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Register By: Sep. 25. Capacity: 16.

Go green! We'll take on the role of horticulturists as we learn about water transport and the anatomy of plants through dissections, demonstrations, and art.

Entomology Camp

Nov 4-5 | Times & Prices: TBD

Registration: TBD

Discover the creepy and cute critters that skitter around Earth: insects! Learn about the biology of bugs and build your own with polymer clay and mechanical parts.

Special Programs

Ages Vary by Program. Some Programs are Free to Attend, but Others Require Pre-Registration.

Instructor (Holidays at the Museum Workshops): Maggie Hancock, maggie@vadm.org or x106.

In addition to our regular Drop-In, Drop-Off, Series, and Camp programming, the Virginia Discovery Museum offers Special Programs throughout the year, including collaborations with community partners and holiday workshops.

Cavman Meet & Greet

Sep. 5 | 4:00-5:00 p.m. | All Ages | Free with Admission*

Meet Cavman and members of UVA Cheerleading at the Museum as Charlottesville comes together to "Paint the Town Orange" and celebrate the start of a new football season. We'll be giving away WAHOOWA bracelets, UVA team posters, Cavman coloring sheets, and more, so be sure to arrive early. Don't forget to wear orange!

*Admission includes playtime at the Museum until 5:00 p.m. Half-price after 4:00 p.m. Free after 4:30 p.m.

Pumpkin Deconstruction

Holidays at the Museum Workshop

Oct. 29 | 4:15-5:15 p.m. | Ages 4+ | \$20/Child*

Forget the frights ... enjoy some messy delights! We'll carve a pumpkin volcano and watch it bubble and erupt, then concoct a special seasonal slime with the leftover seeds.

*Pre-Registration Required. Annual Members: 15% Off. Space Limited to 16 Children.

Spooky Science

Holidays at the Museum Workshop

Oct. 30 | 4:15-5:15 p.m. | Ages 4+ | \$20/Child*

Bring your own spooky, scary skeleton to life! We'll build our own moveable skeleton hands and experiment with electric playdough.

*Pre-Registration Required. Annual Members: 15% Off. Space Limited to 16 Children.

Centerpiece Spectacular

Holidays at the Museum Workshop

Nov. 26 | 4:15-5:15 p.m. | Ages 4+ | \$20/Child*

It's the season of giving thanks, and we'll create our own autumnal centerpieces to take home just in time for Thanksgiving!

*Pre-Registration Required. Annual Members: 15% Off. Space Limited to 16 Children.

How the Grinch Made Slime (2 Sessions)

Holidays at the Museum Workshop

Dec. 18 | Ages 4+ | \$20/Child*

Session 1 - 3:00-4:00 p.m. Session 2 - 4:15-5:15 p.m.

It's the holiday season here in Hooville, and we'll mix up our own green Grinch Slime recipe that's sure to make even the Grinch's small heart grow three sizes! This workshop includes a take-home clear ornament in which each child can keep their Grinch Slime.

*Pre-Registration Required. Annual Members: 15% Off. Each Session Limited to 16 Children.

Snow Globe Scenes (2 Sessions)

Holidays at the Museum Workshop

Dec. 19 | Ages 4+ | \$20/Child*

Session 1 - 3:00-4:00 p.m. Session 2 - 4:15-5:15 p.m.

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow! We'll craft our own holiday-inspired snow globes using mason jars, which make great gifts for teachers, grandparents, secret Santas, neighbors, and more!

*Pre-Registration Required. Annual Members: 15% Off. Each Session Limited to 16 Children.

Holiday Baking Challenge

Holidays at the Museum Workshop

Dec. 20 | 3:00-4:00 p.m. | Ages 4+ | \$20/Child*

Grab your aprons, junior bakers! Using the ingredients provided, we'll whip up different treats just in time for the holidays. This workshop features bake-and-take goodies.

*Pre-Registration Required. Annual Members: 15% Off. Space Limited to 16 Children.

