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Dear Educator:

Below you will find our summer edition of the School Liaison Info Digest. Congratulations on wrapping up a successful school year. Below you will find a recap of ECCLA's Spring Essay Contest and a few reminders requesting your feedback and suggestions moving forward.

In this edition you will also find several resources and professional development opportunities for you to take advantage of as an educator.

And finally, we have included a "Summer Guide for Parents" section (and a Word document version attached) so that you may share/distribute to your parents. The "Summer Guide for Parents" includes various events, camps, and resources students can participate in to continue their learning throughout the break.

Thanks again for your support and commitment to Central Los Angeles students. Please remember to forward this newsletter to your faculty.

*Best,
ECCLA*

RECAP OF ECCLA PROGRAMS:

"PERSON OF THE PAST" SPRING ESSAY CONTEST Spring 2011

In order for a student to succeed in applying for scholarships or admission to college, s/he will need to have the ability to write personal narratives. ECCLA conducts two essay contests each year as a way to give teachers a tool to help develop those skills. This year's spring contest attracted 301 students from 14 different middle and high schools, writing on the theme "If I



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Could Spend a Day with a Person from the Past, Who Would It Be and Why?" Of all entries, 56 went on to the semi-final round and 25 students made it to the final judging round. All students receive a certificate of participation that reflects the level they reached in judging (participant, semi-finalist, finalist, and winner).

Students wrote of absent loved ones and historical figures in roughly equal measure. The high school winner wrote poignantly about her love for the great grandmother she left behind in Mexico when she traveled north at the age of 12. The middle school winner wrote a vivid account of her fictional encounter with John Lennon, telling him how he inspired her to work for peace but being careful not to change the past. Unusually, the majority of our winners for this contest come from our Catholic schools. We are grateful to the 18 teachers from 14 middle and high schools who submitted their students' work. The following list gives a taste of the diversity of people that the student finalists wished to meet: Michelangelo, Tupak Shakur, Elizabeth Blackwell, Scott Joplin, Anne Frank, Dorothea Lange, Carl Sagan, George Washington, William Shakespeare, Cesar Chavez, Andrew Carnegie, Rosa Parks, Janis Joplin, Leonardo da Vinci, four grandparents and Dr. Seuss. The winning essays gave a real sense of the individual student and his or her specific reasons for wanting to spend time with their subject. Next year we hope that all middle and high schools with an ECCLA School Liaison will consider submitting entries to the contest.

This year's winners included:

6- 8th Grade

- Stephanie Torres, 8th, St. Thomas School, Mr., Bermejo (1st Prize)
- Hasani Valdez, 8th, Adams Gifted Magnet, Ms. Bolibaugh (2nd Prize)
- Klarissa Herrera, 8th, St. Vincent School, Mr. M. Fernandez (3rd Prize)

9-12th Grade:

- Mayra Islas, 12th, Bishop Conaty/Our Lady, Ms. Galenski (1st Prize)
- Yun Hye Joo, 12th, Bishop Conaty/Our Lady, Ms. Galenski (2nd Prize)
- Sara Arenas, 11th, Bishop Conaty/Our Lady, Dr. Burgan (3rd Prize)

ADDITIONAL ANNOUCEMENTS:

TELL US WHAT INFO YOU NEED

As we explained at our wonderful launch event with you at the 24th Street Theatre back in March, we need your feedback to help us learn the best frequency and amount of information to send you. Please look this over and let us know if you found anything you can act on.



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DEADLINES FOR TEACHERS, PARENTS & STUDENTS

The events/resources are listed in chronological order thus some of the opportunities may occur within the next 1-3 weeks.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES:

Teacher Preview Days at the New Dinosaur Hall @ Natural History Museum

July 12 & 13 2011

Teacher Preview Days will take place on July 12 & 13th. Admission is free for teachers (w/ ID) and one guest. Up to 4 other guest may attend the preview for general admission.

Hours: 9:30am-5pm

For latest information please visit www.nhm.org/for-teachers in addition, teacher resources will also be available online beginning July 2011 under "Lessons & Activities."

Native Americans: Historical and Geographic Inquiry and Using the Resources of the Library of Congress (for 4th grade teachers) @ CSU Dominguez Hills

July 18-22, 2011

Fourth grade teachers are invited to attend a workshop titled, "Native Americans: Historical and Geographic Inquiry and Using the Resources of the Library of Congress", sponsored by The California History Project at CSU Long Beach-CSU Dominguez Hills and the California Geographic Alliance, Monday, July 18 - Friday, July 22, 8:30 - 3:00, at CSU Dominguez Hills.

The workshop will include training in the use of the new CGA California Atlas, demonstrations on how to teach about Native Americans in California, exploration of the tools and resources of the Library of Congress, and guidance in using primary sources to develop historical and geographical thinking skills. Participants will receive a class set of atlases, model lessons, maps, primary source materials, and literature books.

Cost: Free

Hours: 8:30am – 3:00pm

Additional Information: Contact Dr. Lisa Hutton lhutton@csudh.edu for more information or visit website at <http://www.msmc.la.edu/pages/6360.asp?item=8969>

GEMS Summer Science and Math Institute

July 19-21, 2011

Participate in hands-on Science activities using the Great Explorations in Math and Science (GEMS) curricula. Receive GEMS teacher guides for every session taken and increase your knowledge of the resources available at the California Science Center. This institute is for educators in grades K-8 and each day will focus on Life, Earth or Physical Science strands and ways to integrate science and literacy. LAUSD teachers may earn 1 salary point upon completion of the workshop.





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Workshop Hours: 8:30am. - 3:00pm.

Registration Fee: \$35 per class, or \$85 for the three day series

Additional Information: Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at agaiter@cscmail.org.

PEACHES: GEMS for Early Educators

July 23 and July 30, 2011

PEACHES (Primary Explorations for Children and Educators in Science) activities are designed for our youngest learners! Participate in activities that convey key primary Science and Mathematics concepts and skills in a developmentally appropriate way, while interweaving literature, language acquisition, drama, art, role-play and environmental awareness! Participants will receive teacher guides for every session taken.



Workshop Hours: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Registration Fee: \$35 per class, or \$65 for the two day series

Additional Information: Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at agaiter@cscmail.org.

Connecting Curriculum and Technology: Teaching with the Tools Kids Really Use!

July 26-28, 2011

In this workshop, participants will examine inexpensive hardware already used by many students, explore free Web 2.0 tools such as social networking sites and virtual worlds, and shed light on both common objections and changing points of view about using mobile technologies for instructional support. Explore a variety of teacher-friendly technologies, strategies and learner-centered activities that will engage students as they learn math and science concepts. LAUSD teachers may earn 1 salary point upon completion of this workshop.



Workshop Hours: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Registration Fee: \$35 per class, or \$85 for the three day series

Additional Information: Please visit website at

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Preschool Science! Explore, Discover! Investigate!: Science Learning Through Play **August 6, 2011**

Balls, cars, things that go! Children learn most when they are engaged in play. Explore the concept of “play” as you make and play with toys that can teach science and math concepts.



Workshop Hours: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Registration Fee: \$50

Additional Information: Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at agaiter@cscmail.org.

I Dig Dirt! Exploring the Earth Beneath our Feet

August 13, 2011

What is dirt? What is soil? Are they the same? Investigate these questions and more as you learn about the earth beneath our feet! Activities include discovering what can live in soil and constructing a habitat.



Workshop Hours: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Registration Fee: \$50

Additional Information: Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at agaiter@cscmail.org.

Making the Connection: Teaching Science Across the Curriculum

August 2, 3 and 4, 2011

Participate in a 3-part series that examines teaching and learning Science across the disciplines. Workshops focus on teaching science through literature, mathematics, writing and art. Activities meet National and State Science Standards and are geared for educators in grades PK-5. Receive materials, ideas and strategies that you can use with children immediately.



Workshop Hours: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Registration Fee: \$35 per class, or \$85 for the three day series

Additional Information: Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at agaiter@cscmail.org.



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Out of the Classroom and into the Park: Exploring Ecosystems!

August 9 and 10, 2011

Participate in a workshop that will investigate the Ecosystems gallery at the California Science Center! Receive materials to use in your classroom that can be used to reinforce or introduce a fieldtrip to the exhibit. By attending this two day training you will be eligible to participate in a raffle to win bus transportation to bring your students to the California Science Center!



LAUSD teachers may earn 1 salary point for upon completion of this workshop.

Workshop Hours: 8:30am - 3:00pm

Registration Fee: \$35 per class, or \$65 for the two day series

Additional Information: Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at agaiter@cscmail.org.

Educators' Open House w/ CAAM, CSC and NHM

August 20, 2011

The California African American Museum, The California Science Center and The Natural History Museum will be holding "An Educators' Walk in the Park" at Exposition Park. Saturday, August 20, 2011. This is an Educators' Open House that will begin at CAAM at 8:30am with light refreshments followed by tours at each museum, raffles, giveaways for teachers, and activities for specific exhibits.

Hours: 9:30am – 12pm (starts at CAAM and ends at NHM)

Cost: Free w/ RSVP

Addition Information or to RSVP: The CAAM RSVP number is (213) 744-2024 or the NHM RSVP number is (213) 763-3390 or via email at mollyporter@nhm.org.

Teacher Appreciation Days @ the Autry in Griffith Park

August 18, 2011 (for teachers of K-6th grade)

August 25, 2011 (for teachers of 7th – 12th grade)

This summer, the Autry would like to show its appreciation to Southern California teachers with an invitation to Teacher Appreciation Days. Museum educators will be on hand to talk with teachers about museum programs and online resources, as well as to answer your questions. Afterwards, the Autry invites teachers to be its guest at Sizzling Summer Nights, the Autry's weekly summer salsa evening. Tickets will be distributed at registration.

The day includes:

- Overview of grade level/curriculum appropriate materials including upcoming exhibitions and online resources
- All Aboard! program materials for Title I schools



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- Opportunity to schedule field trips for the fall
- Preview of new programs with museum teachers
 - NEW! Animals of the West.
 - NEW! The Poetic West.
- Sizzling Summer Nights, 6:00pm—9:00pm

RSVP no later than August 1 to Janet Jung at jjung@theautry.org. For additional information please call (323) 667-2000 or visit the website at www.theautry.org.

Becoming a Scientist

August 20, 2011

What is science? What does a Scientist do? These questions and more will be answered as participants engage in hands-on activities that focus on providing teachers with strategies and activities to help students observe, ask questions and experiment.



Workshop Hours: 8:30am - 12:30pm

Registration Fee: \$50

Additional Information: Please visit website at

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/TeacherPrograms/TeacherPrograms.php> or call Anna Gaiter, Director of Professional Development at (213) 744-7455, or via email at agaiter@cscmail.org.

Opera for Educators Program @ LA Opera

August 27, 2011

LA Opera's award-winning Opera for Educators series explores opera from an interdisciplinary point of view. Gain insight about opera and the historical context in which it was created. Discuss opera as history and art, as well as language and social commentary. Learn all about the stars and artists of the opera world, as well as the production and business of opera. Enjoy recitals and rehearsals, and receive special opera news updates. Up to three LAUSD salary points or equivalent UCLA Extension credits are offered for participating teachers.

Hours: 9am -5pm

Cost: \$105 for entire series (25% discount when purchasing all six sessions); \$20 per session after August 27, 2011.

Additional Information: Visit website at <http://www.msmla.edu/pages/6360.asp?item=9015>

Kresa Educator Resource Hall

Ongoing

Throughout the year the Kresa Educator Resource Hall will host “Make and Take Saturdays” where visitors can try out a variety of engaging hands-on science and mathematics activities relating to different themes. Join us to meet and network with other educators





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and parents in the Southern Californian community. Please visit the website for additional information:

<http://www.californiasciencecenter.org/Education/ProfessionalDevelopment/Kresa/Kresa.php> .

The Autry

Ongoing

Also, the Autry provides several hands-on, outreach kits (<http://theautry.org/education/outreach-kits>), which help bring to life the stories of individual Westerners. Each kit profiles a community through the eyes of an actual person. Their stories, traditions, challenges, and opportunities come to life through carefully chosen resource materials and lesson plans. Free for Title 1 Schools. To apply for free busing or to gather more information please visit the website at <http://theautry.org/>.

Ocean Observing Systems: A 5-Day Institute for Middle and High School Teachers

Ongoing

In this institute, participants will learn about cutting edge instruments deployed to collect data from the ocean environment and about the data that these instruments generate. Scientists will present talks about their research using ocean observing systems (OOS). Related demonstrations and hands-on activities will present different ways to use data produced by OOS sensors and samplers to enhance classroom lessons and build students' understanding of ocean systems and the importance of the ocean in their daily lives. Working in teams, participants will use near real-time data from OOS instruments such as moorings and buoys, as well as incorporating Principles of Ocean Literacy, to develop lesson plans that they can integrate into their classroom instruction and share with other teachers. Participants who present a 3-hour follow-up workshop based on Institute content to other educators will be paid an additional \$200 upon completion of the workshop.

Cost: Free (You can also get a \$200 stipend for attending)

Additional Information: Contact Pat Harcourt, COSEE-West Program Manager at USC via email at pharcour@usc.edu; phone 213-740-4693 or via website at

<http://www.msmc.la.edu/pages/6360.asp?item=8986>

SUMMER GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

CAMPS:

EXPO Center Summer Day Camp

June 27 - August 26, 2011

EXPO Center offers several camps: Day Camp (variety of activities), Sport Camp (sports, field trips and swimming), and Dance and Cheer Camp.

Ages: Day camp & Sports camp, 6 -12 years old, teen camp for ages 13 and up.

Program Hours: 7:30am – 6:00pm.





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Cost: \$120 per week. See website at <http://www.laparks.org/expo/> .

Address: 3980 Bill Robertson Lane, Los Angeles, CA 90037

Phone: (213) 763-0114 ext: 227

Hollywood Girls Camp

June 27 - August 19, 2011

This program offers a week-long resident camp with activities. Hollywood girls camp is located in Griffith Park, nestled in the canyon between the Hollywood sign and the Observatory. The camp is designed to provide youth in LA with camping and recreational programs, close to the city, in mountain atmosphere.

Ages: 6 - 17 years

Cost: \$375 to \$450

Address: 3200 Canyon Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90068

Contact: (323) 467-7193 or visit website at

<http://www.laparks.org/dos/camps/hollywoodland.htm> .

Email: camphollywoodland@lacity.org

Zoo Camp

July 4 - August 26, 2011

This summer program at the Los Angeles Zoo offers children ages 4 -12 yrs old, the chance to explore the zoo and all its creatures, learn about conservation, animal related careers and other fun activities.

Program Hours: 9am - 3pm

Cost: members \$240, nonmembers \$300 per week

Address: 5333 Zoo Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Email: zooreservations@zoo.lacity.org

Contact: (323) 644-4211 or visit the website at <http://www.lazoo.org/education/zoocamp/> .



Autry Adventurers Summer Camp

July 5 - July 29, 2011

The Autry Museum of the American West designs week-long sessions of historical adventures especially for children.

Cost & Ages: Half Day (9:00 am -12pm Noon; Ages 5-12) \$145 Autry Members/\$185

nonmembers: Full Day (9:00 am - 4pm; Ages 8-12) \$240 Autry Members / \$300 nonmembers

Address: Griffith Park 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Contact: (323) 667-2000 ext 275 or visit the website at <http://theautry.org/education/summer-camp> .





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Adventures in Nature Summer Day Camp (Held at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County and Page Museum at the La Brea Tar Pits)

July 11 - August 12, 2011

The Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County offers week-long activities and field trips from 9:00 am - 3:00 pm; half-days are available too. They also offer extended day care.

Ages: Kindergarten through 6th grade

Cost: \$250 members and \$300 non-members

Address: 900 Exposition Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90007

Contact: (213) 763-3348 or visit the website at <http://www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/adventures-in-nature> .

Iridescent Engineering Summer Camp

July 11 - August 5, 2011

Students have a chance to work with and learn from engineers, build models, and conduct experiments that will help them understand physics and engineering principles.

Ages: 6 and up

Cost: \$300 (**full scholarships available**-contact Jenna@iridescentlearning.org)

Address: 553 W. 23rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90007

Phone: (424) 241- 2649 or visit the website at <http://iridescentlearning.org/> .

SC Futbol Academy

July 17 - July 27, 2011

The camp will be designed to help improve the skills and techniques of the player in game-related situations. Each session will emphasize tactical awareness and improve decision-making to provide players with a basis to succeed in the game.

There will be guest appearances from other top college coaches as well. All training will take place on the USC campus at McAlister Field, home field of the USC women's soccer program.

Sessions: July 17th – July 20th (Grades 3-8) and July 24th – July 27th (Grades 9-12)

Cost: \$595/Resident \$495/Day

Address: Heritage Hall, 101A, 3501 Watt Way Los Angeles, CA 90089

Contact: (213) 740-1356 or visit the website at <http://iridescentlearning.org/> .

Email: ljanke@usc.edu



Griffith Park Boys Camp

July 27 - August 19, 2011

this program offers a week-long resident camp with activities. The camp is located in the Griffith Park and provides a great camping experience for boys. Campers participate in sports, arts and crafts, campfires and much more. Program runs from June -August.





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Ages: Boys 7-17 yrs old

Cost: \$350 - \$450

Contact: (323) 664-0571 or visit the website at <http://iridescentlearning.org/> .

Address: 4730 Crystal Springs Drive, Los Angeles, CA 90027

Woodcraft Rangers Summer Camp

August 2011

Woodcraft Rangers has a proud 87 year history of providing innovative and creative programs for children in the under-served areas of greater Los Angeles. Currently, Woodcraft Rangers reaches out to over 18,000 at-risk young people annually through enriching after-school and camping programs. The organization's programs are responsive to social trends and designed to help children and youth mature into healthy, productive adults through positive experiences and age-appropriate challenges. They provide residential camp services to nearly 300 boys and girls. This camp is one week camping experience for youths of ages 7-11. Activities include hiking, archery, scavenger hunts, arts & crafts, stargazing and nature studies.

Address: 1625 West Olympic Blvd., Suite 800, Los Angeles, CA 90015

Email: camp@woodcraftangers.org

Contact: (213) 249-9293.



MUSEUMS & RESOURCES:

Adventures in Nature @ Natural History Museum

July 11 to August 12, 2011

Adventures in Nature is a day camp offered every summer. In it, children K through Grade 6 have the opportunity to explore a wide variety of Museum topics — Earth's features, creatures, and cultures from around the globe. Enroll your children in our hands-on, interactive classes and they will learn about fascinating topics through active encounters that spark children's natural curiosity and creativity.

Hours: All camps are from 9 am to 3 pm daily and are one week in length.

Cost: Members (per week): \$250; Non-members (per week): \$300

Additional Information: <http://www.nhm.org/site/activities-programs/adventures-in-nature> .

The Butterfly Pavilion @ Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

April 10 - September 5, 2011

Tickets are sold in half hour intervals throughout the day at a rate of \$12 for adults, \$9 for students and seniors, and \$5 for children. Museum Members are free of charge. Tickets can be purchased at any Museum admissions desk or at the Pavilion of Wings itself. The Pavilion is open each day from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, with the last tickets sold at 4:30 pm. Exhibit runs through Sept. 5, 2011. For more information please visit





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the website at <http://www.nhm.org/site/explore-exhibits/special-exhibits/butterfly-pavilion> or call (323) 763-3466.

The Autry School Tours/ Family Programs

Ongoing

The Autry National Center offers engaging, one-of-a-kind educational experiences for students of all ages. With over 20 years of educational experience, the Museum of the American West offers a unique interactive environment which invites students and teachers alike to experience the art, history, and cultures of the American West. The California Gold Rush, Life in the West Plains Indians, The Art of the West and Westward Expansion are just a few of the many museum teacher taught programs available.

Cost: Daily K-12 tour - \$1 per person. Docent guided tours and programs are available in the morning or afternoon.

Exhibits: The Autry also has American Indian Culture Day (First Sunday of the Month) for families and Family Sunday at the Autry (Third Sunday of the Month).

PERFORMANCES & EVENTS:

“The Ugly Duckling” @ Theatre West

Saturday, July 9, 2011

Storybook Theatre’s award-winning “The Ugly Duckling” is a rollicking interactive version of the famous story. There are plenty of songs and lots of audience participation to delight the whole family. Performances: 1:00 pm on Saturdays. Tickets: \$12 adults; \$10 children.

Recommended for ages 3-9 years. Runs through July 9, 2011. Theatre West - 3333 Cahuenga Blvd. West, Los Angeles, CA. For additional information please visit the website at

<http://www.nhm.org/site/explore-exhibits/special-exhibits/butterfly-pavilion> or call (818) 761-2203.

Houdini: Art and Magic

September 4, 2011

Skirball Cultural Center - 2701 N. Sepulveda Bl., Los Angeles. Magician, escape artist, and showman extraordinaire Harry Houdini (1874–1926) has remained an object of fascination for generations. Combining biographical and historical artifacts with contemporary art inspired by his physical audacity and celebrity, Houdini: Art and Magic explores Houdini as an individual and an enduring cultural phenomenon, documenting the period in American history when the young Jewish immigrant helped shape the cultural landscape and became an acknowledged mass-market star. Featuring more than 150 objects—including film clips, stunning period posters, dramatic theater ephemera, rare photographs, original props (including a straitjacket, milk can, and Metamorphosis Trunk used by Houdini), and the work of select avant-garde



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artists—the exhibition reveals Houdini’s legacy as an iconic figure, both in his time and in ours, who has inspired artists today to reconsider his role as a daring persona.

Hours: 12:00-5:00 p.m. Tues.-Fri.; 10:00am-5:00pm Sat. & Sun.

Cost: Free with Museum Admission: \$10.00 adults; \$7.00 seniors and students; \$5.00 children 2-12 (Includes admission to all other exhibitions)

Additional Information: www.skirball.org .

Noah's Ark @ Skirball Cultural Center

Ongoing

Imagine yourself immersed in a favorite childhood tale. Five years in the making and occupying an 8,000–square–foot gallery, Noah’s Ark at the Skirball welcomes children and families to take this journey together. Inspired by the ancient flood story, which has parallels in diverse cultures around the world, this one–of–a–kind new destination invites visitors of all generations to have fun—and to connect with one another, learn the value of community, and help build a better world.

Hours: 12:00-5:00pm Tues.-Fri.; 10:00am-5:00pm Sat. & Sun.

Cost: \$10.00 adults; \$7.00 seniors and students; \$5.00 children 2-12 (Includes admission to all other exhibitions).

Location: Skirball Cultural Center - 2701 N. Sepulveda Bl., Los Angeles, CA.

Additional Information: Please call (310) 440-4500.

“Magic Strings” @ Bob Baker Marionettes

Ongoing

Children and adults will enjoy Bob Baker’s staging of this circus-themed show featuring over 100 marionette puppets.

Hours: 10:30am Tues.-Fri.; 2:30pm Sat. & Sun.

Cost: \$20.00. Recommended for all ages.

Location: Bob Baker Marionette Theatre - 1345 W. First St., Los Angeles, CA.

Additional Information: Please call (213) 250-9995.

Masters of Illusion: Jewish Magicians of the Golden

Ongoing

Skirball Cultural Center - 2701 N. Sepulveda Bl., Los Angeles. Spotlighting celebrated innovators during magic's "Golden Age" (1875–1948) whose stories have largely been forgotten, Masters of Illusion: Jewish Magicians of the Golden Age is the first museum exhibition to investigate the significant contributions of Jewish magicians to entertainment history and to American and European culture at large. Through more than 150 treasured artifacts, the exhibition highlights the accomplishments as David "Papa" Bamberg (1843–1914), Herrmann the Great (1844–1932), The Great Leon (1876–1951), Carl Ballantine (1917–2009), and many more leading Jewish magicians of the day.



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Hours: 12:00pm -5:00pm Tues.-Fri.; 10:00am-5:00pm Sat. & Sun.

Cost: Free with Museum Admission

Da Vinci Hollywood Exhibit @ Hollywood & Highland Center December 2011

A unique exhibit of machines described, designed, and developed by Leonardo da Vinci in addition to reproductions of his most important artistic contributions. The exhibit includes more than 60 full-sized interactive replica machines, more than 20 reproductions of his works of art; Three Galleries with two devoted to the Mona Lisa and The Last Supper; Activity area with more than 30 intriguing games to play and models to build; books, puzzles and more!

Hours: 10:00am-6:00pm daily.

Cost: \$18.00 adults; \$16.00 seniors; \$13.00 students; \$11.00 children. Recommended for ages 5 and older.

Location: Hollywood & Highland Center - 6801 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 201, Hollywood, CA.

Additional Information: Please call (323) 464-3300.

20,000 Jobs Under the Sea: A History of Commercial & Fishery Diving Ongoing

Los Angeles Maritime Museum - Berth 84, Foot of 6th St., San Pedro. The underwater world has fascinated people for centuries. Most people associate the word "diving" with recreational activities such as scuba or snorkeling. But diving is a profession as well. The work of underwater construction, inspection, salvage, and repair all require special skills and equipment. The people who perform these jobs are known as "commercial divers". Professional divers who harvest sea life such as abalone, urchins, or sponge are called "fishery divers" Their skills and equipment are specific to the requirements of underwater fishing, and for that reason a fishery diver is not the same as a commercial diver. This exhibit is an introduction to just a few of the thousands of jobs performed by commercial divers and fishery divers in the South Bay, and is the inspiration of Torrance R. Parker, noted commercial diver and author of 20,000 Jobs Under the Sea.

Hours: 10:00am -5:00pm Tues.-Sun. Closed Mondays.

Cost: Free with Museum Admission: \$3.00 adults; \$1.00 seniors, youth and students (with ID); FREE for children. Recommended for ages 6 and older.

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