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Play Days at Nature Playscape: A Fun-Filled Monthly Event In Forest Park with The Magic House

ST LOUIS (July 3, 2024) – Get ready for a season of outdoor fun as The Magic House and Forest Park Forever host a new and exciting series of family-friendly events, Play Days at Nature Playscape. Following the success of June's Play Day in the Park, this ongoing program invites families to explore the Anne O'C. Albrecht Nature Playscape, nestled near the iconic World's Fair Pavilion in Forest Park.

"The Nature Playscape is a perfect setting to encourage outdoor play and exploration in every season." said Lesley S. Hoffarth, P.E., President & Executive Director. "We're excited to join The Magic House in introducing more families to this magical place."

Held on the first Saturday of each month, starting July 6th from 9:30am to 12:00pm, Play Days at the Playscape encourages families to get outside, enjoy a variety of outdoor themed activities provided by Magic House and to have fun in a playful setting! Additionally, families can look forward to music and bubble magic courtesy of The Bubble Bus.

"We're thrilled to partner with Forest Park Forever to bring this engaging program to our community," said Beth Fitzgerald, President of The Magic House. "From water play to shadow games and pumpkin-themed activities, each month will offer something new and exciting for everyone to enjoy."

Thanks to the generous support of Eric P. & Evelyn E. Newman Foundation, Play Days at Nature Playscape is a free drop-in event that aims to inspire creativity and connection through nature.

Join us for upcoming themes:

July 6: Wonderful Water

August 3: Sunshine and Shadow Play

September 7: Air-mazment October 5: Pumpkin Play

November 2: Nature's Art Studio

December 7: Build-It

This monthly event will be in the Playscape's meadow. The Metro Hampton 90 bus stops nearby, and bike racks are on the World's Fair Pavilion's west side. Visitors who

drive may enter from the east, off McKinley, and park along Concourse Drive and Carr Lane because Concourse will be closed to northbound traffic for the event's duration.

For more information on Play Days at Nature Playscape and upcoming themes, please visit magichouse.org.

About The Magic House, St. Louis Children's Museum

The Magic House is a not-for-profit participatory museum that provides hands-on learning experiences that spark imagination, pique curiosity, enhance creativity and develop problem-solving skills within a place of beauty, wonder, joy, and magic. Serving more than 550,000 visitors annually, the Museum has 55,000 square feet of hands-on exhibits designed for children ages 2-11 years. In 2019, the Museum opened a 7,000 square foot satellite location in the City of St. Louis, MADE for Kids, that contains a Makers Space, Art Studio, Design Lab and Entrepreneur Marketplace geared for children 4-14 years.

To stay up-to-date with The Magic House, visit <u>www.magichouse.org</u> and follow us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>.

About Forest Park Forever

Forest Park Forever is a private nonprofit conservancy that partners with the City of St. Louis to restore, maintain and sustain Forest Park as one of America's great urban public parks for a diverse community of visitors to enjoy, now and forever.

In addition to maintaining the 1,300-acre Park in partnership with the City, Forest Park Forever raises funds for and helps manage capital restoration projects called for in the Forest Park Master Plan; delivers experiential educational opportunities to teachers, students and adults; and provides information and guides for the Park's 15.5 million annual visitors.

Not part of the Zoo-Museum Tax District, Forest Park Forever is supported by private donations from throughout the community, including its 6,000 members, 1,100 volunteers and many leading community and corporate partners.

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