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MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY, CHICAGO'S SUMMER BRAIN GAMES PROGRAM ENCOURAGES KIDS TO EXPLORE THE CITY WITH STEM CONCEPTS

Plus, pick up your grab-and-go Science Kit from select Chicago Public Library locations

CHICAGO (July 9, 2020)—The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI) is launching its ninth annual Summer Brain Games program with new ways to provide access to science learning.

Summer Brain Games invites kids and their families to discover and explore STEM (science, technology, engineering and medicine) through Chicago's neighborhoods with hands-on activities in English and Spanish and free tickets to visit the Museum. Plus, new this year, MSI has created free, take-home science kits for families to pick up at select Chicago Public Library branches.

"The new Summer Brain Games Science Kits are the perfect opportunity to further the Museum's goal of reaching students wherever they are — especially directly in their neighborhoods," said Rabiah Mayas, Davee Vice President of Education. "MSI is excited to continue our longstanding partnership with the Chicago Public Library system to help even more families do science together."

Summer Brain Games

This year's Summer Brain Games activities allow kids and their families to use common household items to understand the city using STEM concepts, including:

- **Engineering with Skyscrapers:** Be an architect and engineer your own skyscraper! Some planning and experimentation will get you on your way to constructing buildings that can withstand all sorts of conditions.
- **Understanding Scale with Mapmaking:** Choose your space, survey, plan and scale your own map, and discover how cartographers, geographers and city planners decide where to build.
- **Laws of Motion with Balloon Racers:** Make your own breeze on a hot day and learn about Newton's third law of motion at the same time. Challenge someone to a race, experiment with different types of balloons, even make your racer into a Chicago "L" car!

Summer Brain Games is a free program for families. Those who register online at msichicago.org/summerbrain will receive a FREE family four-pack of Museum Entry tickets (one voucher per household).

Science Kits at Chicago Public Libraries

The Summer Brain Games Science Kits are available in 23 library locations with three activities inside. Each kit contains instructions and materials to complete each activity – no purchase necessary. Inside each kit, the activities include:

- **Who Did You Eat?:** Explore biology with owl pellet dissection, and use gloves and dissecting tools to separate the bones of the animals in the pellet from the fur and feathers.
- **Garden in a Glove:** Grow your own plants and watch your seeds sprout in about one week from planting.
- **Buzz Buzz:** Make sound vibration with a bee hummer and discover how sound energy is produced by the vibrations of a rubber band and an index card.

The Summer Brain Games Science Kits will be available in late July for pick-up in 23 library locations while supplies last. Check [MSI's website](#) for more details and updates. Pick-up locations include:

- [Austin](#), 5615 W. Race Ave.
- [Back of the Yards](#), 2111 W. 47th St.
- [Blackstone](#), 4904 S. Lake Park Ave.
- [Brainerd](#), 1350 W. 89th St.
- [Budlong Woods](#), 5630 N. Lincoln Ave.
- [Chinatown](#), 2100 S. Wentworth Ave.
- [Coleman](#), 731 E. 63rd St.
- [Dunning](#), 7455 W. Cornelia Ave.
- [Kelly](#), 6151 S. Normal Blvd.
- [Logan Square](#), 3030 W. Fullerton Ave.
- [Merlo](#), 644 W. Belmont Ave.
- [North Austin](#), 5724 W. North Ave.
- [Portage-Cragin](#), 5108 W. Belmont Ave.
- [Pullman](#), 11001 S. Indiana Ave.
- [Scottsdale](#), 4101 W. 79th St.
- [Sherman Park](#), 5440 S. Racine Ave.
- [South Shore](#), 2505 E. 73rd St.
- [Thurgood Marshall](#), 7506 S. Racine Ave.
- [Toman](#), 2708 S. Pulaski Rd.
- [West Chicago Avenue](#), 4856 W. Chicago Ave.
- [West Englewood](#), 1745 W. 63rd St.
- [Woodson Regional](#), 9525 S. Halsted St.
- [Wrightwood-Ashburn](#), 8530 S. Kedzie Ave.

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About MSI

The Museum of Science and Industry, Chicago (MSI), one of the largest science museums in the world, offers world-class and uniquely interactive experiences that inspire inventive genius and foster curiosity. From groundbreaking and award-winning exhibits that can't be found anywhere else, to hands-on opportunities that make you the scientist—a visit to MSI is where fun and learning mix. Through its Welcome to Science Initiative, the Museum offers a variety of student, teacher and family educational programs that make a difference in communities and contribute to MSI's larger vision: to inspire and motivate children to achieve their full potential in science, technology, medicine and engineering. The Museum is exceptionally grateful for the support of its donors and guests, who make its work possible. MSI is also supported in part by the people of Chicago through the Chicago Park District. For more information, visit msichicago.org or call (773) 684-1414.

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