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The Regnier Family Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City is the region's only fully accessible, non-profit children's museum dedicated to providing STEAM – Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math – educational experiences for young children and their families. Wonderscope features 30,000 square feet of indoor exploration and 1/2 acre of year-round outdoor adventure, all with a unique Kansas City theme.

Mission, Vision, and Values

At Wonderscope we believe in the power of play, we strive to create an environment that is inclusive, equitable and diverse where everyone is welcome. We achieve that through the following:

- Mission To spark a lifelong love of learning through the universal and uniting power of play!
- **Vision** Wonderscope is appreciated as an educational resource in our community that provides all children and families with the opportunity to build a solid foundation for success in school and beyond.
- Values Wonderscope is committed to serving and honoring people of all backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, gender identities, sexual orientations and physical abilities in a safe, educational environment that reflects the diversity of our community.

History

- For more than 30 years, Wonderscope has been providing young children and their families in the Kansas City region with engaging and interactive educational experiences.
- In October 2020, Wonderscope moved into a new state-of-the-art facility and become The Regnier Family Wonderscope Children's Museum of Kansas City—the city's only fully accessible, nonprofit children's museum specializing in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, math) early childhood educational experiences with a unique Kansas City theme.
- Timeline and photos: <u>https://wonderscope.org/history</u>

Location

- Located at 433 E Red Bridge Road, Kansas City, Missouri
- Features 30,000 square feet of indoor exploration and 1/2 acre of year-round outdoor adventure
- Free parking (including accessible parking) and a bike rack (and tire pump) are located just outside the museum entrance
- Readily accessible by public transportation and major roadways
- Adjacent Red Bridge Shopping Center offers a variety of dining options for families to enjoy before or after their Wonderscope visit.

Accessibility

All families are welcome to learn, play, and grow at the Wonderscope!

- Exhibits indoors and out are accessible to children of various abilities, as are the restrooms, program rooms, party rooms, and other areas.
- Through the museum's donor-supported Wonder Fund, Wonderscope offers discount admission and \$5 memberships for families with financial need.
- As a member of the Association of Children's Museums, Wonderscope offers discount reciprocal admission to members of other participating children's museums.
- As a participant in the federal Museums for All program, Wonderscope offer \$3 admission for members of low-income families.

Exhibits

Wonderscope was designed by a world-class team of experts experienced in creating one-of-a-kind children's museums (<u>https://wonderscope.org/exhibits</u>). Exhibits have a Kansas City theme and feature a wealth of learning opportunities (<u>https://wonderscope.org/resources</u>).

• Crossroads of Past and Future

Hop aboard a riverboat, railway car, and horse-drawn covered wagon and explore Kansas City's history of transportation and exploration.

• Wonder Mart

Enter Kansas City's tiniest grocery store and play shopper, check-out cashier, and shelf re-stocker.

• Creation Station: Design Lab and Art Studio

Join KC's vibrant creative community! Dabble in a lab featuring design and technology tools and a studio filled with an array art and craft materials.

WaterWorks

Splash away while engineering the course of water in a refreshing play area reflective of Kansas City fountains and rivers.

• Kansas City Café

Plan, prepare, and serve up some imaginative cuisine at Wonderscope's play cafe. The specialty? KC BBQ, of course!

• On the Move!

Sprint into this high-energy zone to run, jump, pitch, throw, pitch – and imagine playing for a favorite Kansas City sports team.

• Wonder Climber

Scale this KC-themed, floor-to-ceiling play apparatus until you reach the top and board a school bus that actually takes you outside of the building!

• Kid City

Explore this little Kansas City-themed nook designed especially for children under the age of 4.

• Naturescape

Venture outdoors into a half-acre of active exhibits that echo the greater Kansas City region's diverse environments: urban, suburban, rural, natural, and agricultural.

Other Spaces

- Gift Shop
- 2 Classrooms
- 2 Party Rooms
- Nursing Nook
- Relaxation Station

Experiences

- Scheduled daily educational programs (plus surprise pop-up activities!) free with museum admission
- Road to Readiness, a self-paced pre-kindergarten program (free with admission)
- Wonder Camps during spring break, summer, and various days school districts are not in session
- Guided and unguided field trips and group visits

Fundraising Events

- Wonderscope holds lively fundraising events for adults each year.
- 2023 events include the following:
 - Trivia Night (April 22)
 - Eat Drink Play (August 26)

Membership

- Annual memberships start at \$100 and include the following:
 - Free unlimited admission for one year
 - Free admission to daily programs
 - Free guest passes
 - **Discounts** on birthday parties
 - Discounts at various Red Bridge Shopping Center businesses
- \$5 memberships are available to families with financial need; these memberships are made possible by the 100% donor-supported Wonder Fund.
- Gift memberships are also available.

Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteers get a chance to be part of the magic of Wonderscope.
- Individuals or groups are invited to apply and help make a difference in lives of children and families.
- Individual volunteers (student and adults) work with Wonderscope's program staff to ensure all guests and members feel welcome, safe, and have an overall positive experience.

Giving Opportunities

- Donations to Wonderscope are greatly appreciated! (And are tax-deductible)
- Fundraising event series sponsorships opportunities are available.
- Corporate naming opportunities are available.

Wonderscope Communications

- Website <u>wonderscope.org</u>
- Facebook <u>@wonderscopemuseum</u>
- Instagram <u>@wonderscopecmkc</u>
- Sign up for e-news at <u>Wonderscope.org</u>

Hours

- Monday: CLOSED
- Tuesday-Friday: 9am-4:30pm
- Saturday: 9am-5pm
- Sunday: Noon-5pm

Admission

- Children ages 2-15 \$12
- Adults ages 16 and over \$9
- Children under 2 years of age FREE
- Members FREE