

Hello everybody!

I was asked to do a little write up about our programming for the Savannah Children's Museum. We try our very best to provide a variety of learning experiences for all thinking types and interests. We also aim to have a vast range of topics as well. Some of our major programming themes include science, art, fitness, and story times for both younger children and older children. Our goal is to find that one thing that sparks a child's interest, and will possibly lead them to do amazing things some day.

Every person is different and we embrace that uniqueness whole-heartedly. I'm always fascinated with which of our museum exhibits attracts a child. Some kids run in and immediately get sucked into The Great Excavation, seeking out new treasures while others discover the chalk tables and are thrilled to draw the day away. We take these observations and try to tailor our programming to the very things that they love about our museum. We see that future archeologist, artist, athlete, or author and provide tools to further encourage their interests. It's definitely a new experience every day for each person that walks through that gate.

*Backyard Science* provides new experiences through experiments and new discoveries with *Critter Time*. Our goal is to educate our kids about the things that they might find at any time in their own back yards. We want to respect, not fear the things that we discover, and appreciate that everything has a job and place; from the tiniest little ant to the slithering snake in the garden. *Artistic Expression* gives a new look at materials to create with. A paintbrush is not the only tool to paint with, and a simple box has a million possibilities. During *I Like to Move It* time, we create new obstacles for that daredevil whizzing by on the Spinami or invent new physical challenges for them to take on. Kids can travel and explore with the storytellers during *Story Time*. We encourage those little minds to always be running and imagining new things. Without that imagination, we would never experience anything new and exciting. Embrace your inner mad-scientist. Revel in your latest work of art. Run free with the spirit of the game. Fall into the new adventure of a good book. Be inspired!!!

~Debra

(The Wizard of Wonder at Savannah Children's Museum)