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## What's Happening at Stepping Stones Museum for Children in June

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[Stepping Stones Museum for Children](#) LOVES Planet Earth and that love for “the third rock from the Sun” will be on display at the museum all spring and summer long with a daily series of play-based learning experiences that will educate and delight.

Through **August**, the museum has been transformed into an immersive, engaging, hands-on exploration of Planet Earth.

Each day offers a variety of imaginative STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) gallery investigations, interactive stories, games or guides that celebrate our amazing planet from the inside out.

In June, Stepping Stones offers an undersea odyssey as the museum embarks on a month-long investigation into the watery wonders of aquatic ecosystems. This expedition takes you on an epic exploration of ecosystems as far away as the Great Barrier Reef or as close as the Long Island Sound watershed.

As most of the Earth’s surface is covered in water, there are plenty of mind-boggling discoveries to be made about our oceans, rivers, lakes, ponds, streams and creatures that lurk in the deep!

Set your submarine coordinates for Stepping Stones right away as the museum has made an immersive transformation that you won't want to miss. Every day starts a new adventure. Make plans to visit today!

*Here’s a rundown of our June highlights:*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 9**

### **Connecticut Open House Day 2018**

*10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

As part of the Connecticut Office of Tourism's [Connecticut Open House Day 2018](#), which showcases the state's cultural treasures, Stepping Stones is proud to offer free admission for the first 100 non-members who visit the museum!

### **Animal Visit with Jungle Jamboree**

*11 a.m. to 1 p.m.*

Meet a menagerie of animal friends as our partners at Jungle Jamboree bring frogs, turtles, hedgehogs, prairie dogs and even a skunk to the museum for a special program. Learn about these animals' specific roles in the ecosystem as you touch and hold them. For children ages 3 years and older.

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 14**

#### **Flag Day**

*10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

Did you know that the first American flag was adopted by our nation's founders over 240 years ago? Did you know that there is a reported Connecticut connection to the first official Flag Day observance in United States? Join us on this special day to learn more about the origins of the American Flag and its important symbolism through interactive storytelling. Active-duty military members, veterans, first responders and their families are invited to participate in this day-long celebration at the museum for free.

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 17**

#### **Happy Father's Day!**

*10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

In honor of dad, we're offering FREE admission to ONE caregiver per family visiting Stepping Stones on Father's Day. Must be 18 years or older. Cannot be combined with any other offers.

#### **A Rock'n Father's Day Celebration**

*10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

Dads Rock! Celebrate rock-star fathers and other father-like people in your life at a very special jam session

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in the museum's Multimedia Gallery featuring father-friendly music selections from around the world and some pretty hilarious "dad jokes." "Shell-ebrate" Dad by making him a Turtle'ly Awesome Bookmark or tell him he's "reel-ly off the hook" when you make him a Fin-tastic Card.

#### **Accessibility Day**

*10 a.m. to 5 p.m.*

Free admission for children with special needs and their families. An Open Armsprogram.

**MONDAYS THROUGH FRIDAYS,**

**JUNE 18 to AUGUST 31**

**CAMP Stepping Stones**

- Get STEAM'd up at Stepping Stones with fun and interesting, themed programs like Coding and Robotics, Dinosaur Adventures, Maker Mania and Stop Motion Animation that will keep your children's minds and bodies busy all summer long so they'll be in top shape for school in the fall. Sign up by the day or week! For children ages 5 to 8 years old.
- Visit [www.steppingstonesmuseum.org/families/camp](http://www.steppingstonesmuseum.org/families/camp) to register or for more information about each week's special theme.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 21**

#### **Accessibility Afternoon**

*1 to 5 p.m.*

Free admission for children with special needs and their families. An Open Armsprogram.

#### **My Ability**

*3 to 5 p.m.*

A sensory-friendly experience for children with special needs and their families.

**SUNDAY. JUNE 24**

**Storytellers: Show Me a Tale**

2 to 3 p.m.

The Colossal Squid: Excerpt from 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea – Enjoy an interactive read-aloud of this folktale about Antarctica, followed by an engaging art project to make 3-dimensional, colossal squid to enhance your child's understanding of the frozen continent. For children ages 5 and older.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30 THROUGH TUESDAY JULY 31**

**Harry Potter's Best Birthday Card Ever**

"Words are in my not-so-humble opinion, our most inexhaustible source of magic" – Quote from Albus Dumbledore.

Aguamenti anyone? Harry Potter's birthday is July 31 and we are making a GIANT community birthday card for Harry during the entire month leading up to his special day using fantastical words, quotes and other trivia from the popular book series. Add your favorite words, pictures and fun facts to express your birthday wishes for Harry. Dress up as your favorite Harry Potter character and we'll take a family photo to include in the card.

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Check out the [Stepping Stones Museum Calendar](#) for more details about these upcoming events and the rest of the museum's offerings of play-based learning and kid-powered fun.

Stepping Stones Museum for Children is an award-winning, private, non-profit 501 (c)(3) children's museum committed to broadening and enriching the lives of children and families.

***If You Go ...***

- **For more information** about Stepping Stones, to book a field trip or schedule a class, workshop or facility rental call 203-899-0606 or [visit online](#).
- Stepping Stones Museum for Children **is located at** 303 West Ave., Norwalk, exit 14 North and 15 South off I-95.
- **Museum hours are:** Labor Day through Memorial Day, Tuesday-Sunday and holiday Mondays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Memorial Day through Labor Day, Monday-Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Admission** is \$15 for adults and children and \$10 for seniors. Children under 1 are free.

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