

# Press Release

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## Local Museum Offers Winter Break Engineering Mini-Camp

(Naperville, IL) – Kids with an inquisitive nature and a habit of building creative structures can convert their imaginative ideas into contraptions that move during a winter break mini-camp offered by DuPage Children's Museum.

“Kids Design Engineering” will introduce children ages 7 – 10 to the world of engineering during a two-day mini-camp on Dec. 29 and 30 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. Cost is \$90 per member and \$100 per non-member. Pre-registration and pre-payment are required, and enrollment is limited. To register, call (630) 637-8000, ext. 0.

“Kids Design Engineering is an acclaimed school program for students in grades 2 – 4 that's been adapted into a camp that's timed to take advantage of students' winter break,” said Chris Barry, school program manager at DuPage Children's Museum.

“Students use science, math, art, and technology principles to solve engineering challenges using a pneumatic power system. As an outcome, these kids have fun while they develop a basic understanding of scientific method by designing, building, testing, problem-solving, and retesting,” Barry said.

The program was developed by DuPage Children's Museum with funding from the Illinois State Board of Education Center for Scientific Literacy.

DuPage Children's Museum helps develop curiosity, creativity, thinking and problem solving in young children via interactive exhibits and programs that make learning fun for children and adults playing together.

The Museum is located at 301 N. Washington Street in Naperville, Illinois, a quick walk from the Naperville Metra train station. Parking is free, and the building is wheelchair accessible.

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HANDS-ON LEARNING – During “Kids Design Engineering” at DuPage Children’s Museum, children explore creative ways to understand engineering principles.