

Press Release

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Innovative Minds Can Create Contraptions at DuPage Children's Museum Mini-Camp

(Naperville, IL) - Your child can learn about pneumatic power and how to put it to work during this year's winter break mini-camp offered by DuPage Children's Museum. Based on the Museum's popular school program, Kids Design Engineering mini-camp gives children the opportunity to use some cool tools as they design, build and test their own pneumatic (balloon) powered project for land, water or air. Plus, they'll get to take a ride on the Museum's Hovercraft!

Kids Design Engineering introduces children ages 7 – 10 to the world of engineering during a two-day mini-camp on Dec. 28 and 29 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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DuPage Children's Museum is a top Chicago-area cultural attraction *where learning comes in to play*™! For information about hours, Museum admission and membership packages, visit www.dupagechildrensmuseum.org or call (630) 637-8000.

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Caption for Kids Design Engineering Photo:



Caption for Kids Design Engineering Photo: PNEUMATIC POWER BLOWS YOUNG MINDS - During Kids Design Engineering Mini-Camp offered over school's winter break at DuPage Children's Museum, children explore creative ways to understand engineering principles, including a ride on the Museum's Hovercraft.