

Field Family Nights Info Packet

Have you ever wondered what really happens in the museum after dark? Gather your most adventurous friends and family and get ready to find out! At Field Family Night events, see the museum come to life in exclusive late-night experiences for all ages. Costumes encouraged!

Event guests will enjoy after-hours access to the museum's exhibitions (including select ticketed experiences), discover science and history through hands-on activities, engage in storytelling and performances, meet Field Museum scientists, and more!

Spark curiosity, explore new ideas, and make discoveries the whole family can enjoy in these exclusive themed after hours experiences! Field Family Nights begin at 5:30 pm and end at 9:30 pm. Get your tickets for the Field Museum's Field Family Nights below.

Field Family Night: Clues from the Collection Friday, March 29, 2024

Field Family Night: Field Games Friday, July 12, 2024 Field Family Night: Field's Mightiest Heroes Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Field Family Night: Boo with SUE Friday, October 18, 2024

Field Family Night: Clues from the Collection Friday, March 29, 2024 | 5:30-9:30 PM

Clue in for a night at the Field Museum! At this after hours event, meddling kids and super sleuths will dress in their best disguises and explore the exhibits for clues in order to solve a "who-done-it?" mystery. The plot thickens in the heart of the museum as guests will also learn about how specimens from our collections give us clues about the past from our perceptive team of scientists. Aspiring science detectives can even walk the secret passages of the building with the purchase of an exclusive Collections Tour.

Field Family Night: Field's Mightiest Heroes Wednesday, June 26, 2024 | 5:30-9:30 PM

Calling all caped crusaders! Assemble at the Field Museum for a heroic evening of saving the world. Put on your best superhero gear and work together to thwart a mysterious supervillain's nefarious plan before the end of the night. Learn about wildlife conservation and how you can become a friendly neighborhood hero. Plus, get to know the super animals that inspired some of your favorite superheroes. Finally, gather on the museum terrace for a spectacular view of the fireworks over Navy Pier (weather permitting)!

Field Family Night: Field Games Friday, July 12, 2024 | 5:30-9:30 PM

Score your tickets for a night at the Field Museum! At this after hours event, star players and benchwarmers alike will gear up to compete with the best animal athletes and try their hand at games throughout history. Our all-star team of scientists will take the field -Stanley Field Hall, that is - to share what our collections can teach us about competition, games, and teamwork. Let the games begin!

Field Family Night: Boo with SUE Friday, October 18, 2024 | 5:30-9:30 PM

Trick-or-treat yourself to a night at the Field Museum! This not-so-scary after hours event will be a scream for Halloween enthusiasts of all ages. Ghosts, ghouls, and other guests will get up close and personal with creepy crawlers, conduct their own owl pellet dissection, explore fascinating exhibits, and learn about spooky specimens in our collection from our team of mad scientists.

Costumes encouraged!

For the safety of all guests, please do not wear costumes that cover your face or include prop weapons of any kind.

Guests are encouraged to register for Field Family Nights in advance. Walk-ins are permitted for an upcharge as long as space is available. *All sales are final.*

Please Note: Parking for Field Family Nights can now be purchased in advance directly through Soldier Field - North Garage. We have arranged for a special discounted rate of \$30 per car for this event.

Please purchase parking in advance by following <u>this link</u> and selecting your Field Family Night event. Rates are subject to change for parking that is purchased upon your arrival on the day of your event.

Soldier Field - North Garage is now cashless, and only accepts credit card, apple pay, or google pay.

COVID Policy

All attendees must read and agree to adhere to our COVID-19 Attendance Policy to attend a 2023 Field Family Night event. If these policies change, ticket holders will be informed.

If you purchase a Tour ticket, masks may be required for participants when behind the scenes. Please bring a mask for each participant to wear.

If you feel sick, stay home and email us. We may be able to exchange your tickets for another date. Do not attend an event if:

- You have a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit or used a fever reducer in the previous 24 hours to treat a body temperature over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
- You have a new cough and/or a new or worsening sore throat that you cannot attribute to another health condition.
- You have a shortness of breath that you cannot attribute to another health condition.
- You have recently developed a complete loss of smell or taste.

Children and Chaperones

- We require at least one chaperone for every three children.
- Chaperones must be over 21.
- Chaperones are not allowed to drop off their children at the entrance and leave them unsupervised while parking.

Ticket Information

All tickets include participation in this late-night event, a discounted parking voucher, and admission to select ticketed exhibits.

Ticket type	Member	Non-member
Standard	\$27	\$30
Tour	\$50	\$55
Season Ticket	\$85	\$100

Tickets may sell out fast. We encourage you to buy your tickets as soon as possible. All Standard and Tour tickets must be purchased online at https://www.fieldmuseum.org/our-events/field-family-nights

After purchasing your tickets, you will receive a receipt confirming your order from the ticketing system. No physical tickets will be issued, but we'll email you a reminder in the week leading up to the event.

Upgrades

If you'd like to upgrade above your Standard ticket, you can purchase:

- Tour tickets Secure access to a behind-the-scenes tour with one of our scientists!
 - Tours start at 6:30 pm near the South Entrance and last 45 minutes.
 - These tours are best for children ages 6–12 but open to everyone, and you'll always see something fun, like fossils, bird specimens, or fish collections!
 - Tickets are for families of fewer than 15 people. Space is limited.
 - Face masks must be worn for all behind-the-scenes tours

Please note: Tour upgrades are not available at the event and need to be made in advance. There are a limited number of tour tickets available and sell out fast!

Ticket Exchanges

Ticket exchanges are currently not possible, and all sales are final. This is subject to change once more dates are added to the schedule.

If you're experiencing any symptoms outlined in our COVID Attendance Policy, please DO NOT ATTEND THE EVENT. Please contact us at <u>familynights@fieldmuseum.org</u> or call 312.665.7525 and we will coordinate an exchange for another date if they are available and space allows. Capacities are capped for Tours and behind the scenes experiences. All sales are final.

What to Bring:

- Comfortable clothing (temperatures may vary from hall to hall) and layers of clothing
- Gym shoes
- Change and small bills for vending machines (Museum staff cannot make change).
- Credit and debit cards may also be used on most vending machines.

What NOT to Bring:

• Outside food/drink

Sample Schedule - Subject to change before each event

Time	Activity	Location
5:30–7:00 pm	Check-in	South Entrance
5:30–8:30 pm	Science Showcase	Stanley Field Hall
6:30 pm	Guests with Tour Tickets attend the behind-the-scenes tour	Meet near South Entrance
8:00 pm	Science Hub closes	Grainger Science Hub
8:30 pm	Storytime	James Simpson Theatre
9:00 pm	PlayLab closes	Crown Family PlayLab
9:30 pm	Event Concludes	

Getting to the Field Museum

Visit <u>https://www.fieldmuseum.org/directions-parking</u> to access the directions and parking information from anywhere.

Public transportation:

Chicago's convenient public transit offerings are an environmentally friendly way to get to the Field Museum every day of the year. For schedule updates, maps, information on Ventra fare cards, and other travel information, visit the CTA website: <u>transitchicago.com</u>.

By CTA train: The closest CTA train stop to the Field Museum is Roosevelt. Servicing the Red, Orange, and Green lines, the Roosevelt stop also offers a connection to the #146 bus (at State and Roosevelt), which takes riders directly to Museum Campus.

By CTA bus: Use the <u>CTA's Bus Tracker f</u>or updated arrival times. The #146 (Inner Drive/Michigan Express/Museum Campus) bus line services Museum Campus

By Metra: The closest Metra stop to the Field Museum is the Metra Electric District station at Museum Campus/11th Street. Visit <u>Metra's website</u> for information about other nearby stations, schedules, tickets, and other travel information.

By car: Driving is a convenient way to access Museum Campus, especially if you're traveling with the whole family!

The easiest route to Museum Campus is via the 18th street and Lake Shore Drive entrance, immediately south of Soldier Field. Exit Lake Shore Drive onto eastbound 18th Street and follow 18th Street/Museum Campus Drive east of the stadium and north to Museum Campus.

Parking

Event parking in the Soldier Field-North Garage is available beginning at 5:00 pm. You can access this garage off 18th street. Only the North Garage is available for Family Night guests.

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Arrival and Check-In

Please plan to arrive between 5:30 and 6:15 pm. This will give you enough time to check in and begin exploring the museum's activities and exhibits. Guests must enter through the South Entrance.

Upon arrival, guests should go to the general admission line to check in and pick up a copy of the schedule and maps for the night. If you purchased Tour tickets, you'll also receive a sticker that indicates which tour you will attend.

If you arrive late, you can enter through the South Entrance until 8:00 pm. **No one is admitted to the museum after 8:00 pm.**

Accessibility

We want everyone to have a great time at the museum. If you require accommodations, such as an accessible parking space or entry through our accessible entrance, please contact us at 312.665.7525 or email <u>familynights@fieldmuseum.org</u> at least one week before your event.

If you or your child require additional support, don't hesitate to contact us. You can also download our *Field For All* app in advance of your visit to get an overview of the museum and make your visit more enjoyable. The app is available both on the Apple Store and the Google Play Store.

Food

We recommend eating dinner before you arrive. Please only eat in designated eating areas on the Ground Level of the Museum, and never in the exhibitions, in order to prevent pest infestations in our collections. **Outside food is not allowed.**

Vending machines are available on the museum's ground floor. Please plan on bringing small bills, as Museum staff cannot make change. Credit and debit cards may also be used on most vending machines.

<u>Safety</u>

- Only eat in designated areas and never in our exhibits.
- Please keep your shoes on at all times, and do not wear shoes with wheels.
- Walk-don't run-through the museum.
- Children and their chaperones must stay together at all times.
- Respect fellow guests when exploring exhibitions.

The Field Museum reserves the right to remove guests without a refund from the Museum during Field Family Night events. Behavior that would merit removal includes, but is not limited to:

- Belligerence to a staff person or other guest
- Fighting
- Refusal to adhere to Museum regulations
- Possession or consumption of alcohol or illegal substances.

Emergency Procedures

Familiarize yourself with the stairwells along the perimeter of the museum on all floors. In case of an emergency, exit the museum via these stairwells. Meet at the entrance to the Soldier Field North Garage and await further instructions.

Never call 911 from within the museum. Always contact our security and staff to ensure the fastest response. Emergency responders do not know the museum layout, but we do. Just look for an adult wearing a Field Family Night t-shirt with the word 'STAFF' on the back to find us!

Security

The Field Museum Protection Services department has staff members inside the building 24 hours a day. You can find a Protections Services Officer and other staff in Stanley Field Hall.

We highly recommend keeping your valuables with you at all times. The Field Museum is not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Merchandise

You can purchase merchandise in one or more of our stores for a limited time on the night of the event. These stores may change from event to event, so be sure to check your map the night of the event to see where you can purchase merchandise.

You also have the opportunity to pre-order items from the store through our website. When you place your order, you'll have the option to pick it up or have the materials shipped to you. You can contact the stores at 312.665.7686 or stores@fieldmuseum.org.

Departure

Field Family Nights end promptly at 9:30 pm. If you need to leave before 9:30 pm, check with our staff or Protection Services to see which doors are available to exit. Once you exit, re-entry will not be permitted.