



# Press Release

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## **March Events at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village**

SALEM, OR—A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, a hands-on children's museum in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park, features three historic houses brimming with interactive exhibits in the sciences, arts and humanities. The museum's Outdoor Discovery Center offers 20,000 square feet of fun with three slides, the world's largest Erector Set tower and maze and picnic areas. Open 361 days a year: Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 pm., Sunday, noon – 5 p.m. Admission: \$5.50 (Ages 3-59); \$4.00 (Ages 60+); \$2.50 (Public assistance, ages 1-2); FREE for members. Website: [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org). Call: 503-371-3631 / 1-800-208-9514.

## **DROP-IN PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS**

### **Children's Museum Fights Hunger**

March 4 – April 1

As part of the Rotary Food Drive for Marion-Polk Food Share, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is collecting non-perishable food items. Please help the children's museum provide assistance to families in need. Bring five non-perishable food items and receive a guest pass to A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village for another day or to give to a friend. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

### **Open House for The Preschool at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village**

March 10, 4 – 7 p.m.

This informational session gives parents the opportunity to learn more about The Preschool at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village. With classrooms located inside the children's museum in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park, the preschool offers a Village full of big ideas for children ages 3 – 5. Individual appointments are also available; call 503-371-3631 or email Chris Ross at [preschool@acgilbert.org](mailto:preschool@acgilbert.org). A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [www.acgilbert.org](http://www.acgilbert.org).

### **Sparky the Fire Dog's Birthday**

March 18, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Children can meet firefighters from the Salem Fire Department, see a real fire engine and participate in an art project in honor of Sparky the Fire Dog's birthday. Free with admission or museum membership. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [info@acgilbert.org](mailto:info@acgilbert.org).

### **Discover Your Smile: Kids' Photo Contest**

March 23 – 27, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

During spring break week, Stalnaker's Photo Studio offers a pair of 4x6 portraits for \$15 at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village. Fifty percent of the proceeds go to support the nonprofit children's

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museum. Contest participants from birth to age 12 are eligible to win a basic birthday party package (valued at \$115) or a basic photo package (valued at \$175). Winners in each age category will be announced in April. Sittings are limited, so call to reserve your spot. Stalnaker's Photo Studio, 1124 Edgewater NW. Info: 503-581-0101 or kris@stalnakersphotostudio.com.

## CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

### Owl Pellets

Friday, March 6, 10 – 11 a.m.

Students will learn about owls, how they've adapted and their place in the food chain during this one-day workshop at the children's museum. Students will take home bones found during their owl pellet dissection. Ages 6 and up. \$7.50 member / \$10 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

### Squid Dissection

Friday, March 6, 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

This one-day workshop presents basic dissection techniques during a step-by-step exploration of the internal and external anatomy of a squid. Students will learn about the squid's habitat, life cycle and defenses. Ages 6 and up. \$7.50 member / \$10 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

### Frog Dissection

Friday, March 6, 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Students will explore frog anatomy with a partner while using basic dissection techniques. In this one-day workshop, students will learn about a frog's habitat, life cycle and place in the food chain. Ages 6 and up. \$10 member / \$13 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

### A Picture's Worth 1,000 Words

Tuesday, March 10, 1 – 2:30 p.m. –OR– 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Do you haiku? Or would you like to? Creative kids will explore different forms of poetry and learn how to illustrate poems in this hands-on workshop. Ages 6 – 12. \$7.50 member / \$10 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

### Spring Break Workshops at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village

Monday, March 23 – Friday, March 27

The children's museum in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park offers workshops for kids during spring break week. Topics include magic, dinosaurs, a journey to China and more. Prices start at \$10 for members and \$15 for nonmembers. Advance registration is required for spring break

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## Majestic Mystery

Monday, March 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Beginning Magicians will develop their magic know-how during this spring break workshop. Tricks include the Rambling Ring, Dicey Digits #3, Ball and Vase, Straw and String Thing and other amazing feats. While performing in front of a student audience, magicians will sharpen their public speaking skills and build confidence. Ages 6 – 8. \$10 member / \$15 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [info@acgilbert.org](mailto:info@acgilbert.org).

## Masters of Illusion

Monday, March 23, 2 – 5 p.m.

Young Magicians will make and learn to perform the Magic Linking Clips #3, Leaping Legume, Glass through Table, String-A-Ring-A-Ling, Perfect Poker...Every Time and other illusions. Not only will magicians perfect a variety of magical illusions in class, but in doing so they will polish their communication skills in this magical spring break workshop. Ages 9 – 12. \$15 member / \$20 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [info@acgilbert.org](mailto:info@acgilbert.org).

## Recollections: The Lighter Side of Color

Tuesday, March 24, 9 – 11 a.m.

Enhanced by the museum's new exhibit Recollections, this spring break workshop experiments with light, color and movement. Students will make periscopes and explore the brighter side of science. Ages 6 – 12. \$10 member / \$15 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [info@acgilbert.org](mailto:info@acgilbert.org).

## Digging Up Dinosaurs

Wednesday, March 25, 9 – 11 a.m.

The children's museum's Dinostories exhibit and Mammoth Dig set the stage for kids to learn paleontology skills as they dig for dinosaur bones and create a take-home fossil in this fun spring break workshop! Ages 6 – 12. \$10 member / \$15 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or [info@acgilbert.org](mailto:info@acgilbert.org).

## Body Basics: What's Inside Me?

Thursday, March 26, 9 – 11 a.m.

This fun-filled anatomy lesson introduces Stuffee©, an appealing character who reveals what's inside our bodies, paired with take-home activities and a guided exploration of the Body Basics

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Journey to China

Friday, March 27, 9 – 11 a.m.

Students will learn about China from a child's point of view through traditional crafts, food and games while exploring in depth one of the children's museum's most beloved exhibits. Ages 6 – 12. \$10 member / \$15 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

*A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is a private nonprofit children's museum located in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park. Founded in 1989, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village provides innovative and stimulating educational experiences that spark children's natural curiosity. The Village's mission is to provoke curiosity, inspire awe, awaken interest, foster enjoyment, encourage learning and enable understanding in all youth.*

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