



Press Release

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April 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: \$5.75 (Ages 3-59); \$4.25 (Ages 60+); \$2.75 (Public assistance, ages 1-2); FREE for members. Website: www.acgilbert.org. Call: 503-371-3631 / 1-800-208-9514.

Note: Spring is a very busy time for field trips. The museum has scheduled low-field trip morning on April 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Please call the museum at 503-371-3631 for the best times to visit with your family or group.

DROP-IN PROGRAMS & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

April 1, 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. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or www.acgilbert.org.

Eggstravaganza @ the Children's Museum

April 10, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village hosts a variety of “egg-tivities” just in time for Easter. Hop on over to the children's museum to color eggs and meet a special furry guest. Free with paid 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.

Preschool Drop-in Activities at the Children's Museum

April 16, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and April 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village offers free drop-in activities for children five and under that explore “Incredible Insects” on April 16, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. and how “April Showers Bring May Flowers” on April 27, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. Art projects and activities provide a fun and educational experience for preschoolers. Free with museum admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

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Union Street Railroad Bridge Opening Ceremony

April 18, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Be the first to walk across the historic Union Street Railroad Bridge on its opening day! At the ribbon cutting ceremony, Bubble Girl, the museum's mascot, will lead a group across the bridge. The museum will continue the celebration with free admission throughout the day and hands-on bridge building activities from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS

Oregon: The Wild Side!

Friday, April 3, 1 – 2:30 p.m. –OR– 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Students will discover Oregon's wild side through fun activities that explore that state's wildlife, plants and ecosystems. 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.

Wiggle Worms

Tuesdays, April 7 – May 12, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Children 18 months to age four will wiggle with excitement in this six-week class at the children's museum. Using songs, rhymes and games that explore music and movement, children will experiment with music and movement. Fun props (scarves, feathers, & more) heighten the learning experience. \$22 member / \$34 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

Baby Boogie

Wednesdays, April 8 – May 13, 11 – 11:45 a.m.

This six-week class for little ones six months to age two introduces easy-to-use sign language, songs, games and playful props to promote communication between child and parent. \$18 member / \$30 nonmember. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

Family Health Discovery Night

Friday, April 10, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village stays open late for a special night promoting healthy choices and family fun. Family members of all ages can participate in a fast food fat fling, make a model lung and stick their hands in a germ box to see how clean they really are. Over 25 activities in both Spanish and English will be presented in a single night. Member price: \$5 per child / \$15 per family max. Nonmember price: \$7 per child / \$20 family max. Reserve your family's spot by calling 503-371-3631. There is no charge for adults, but they must be present for the

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Discovery Night. Fee includes access to all Discovery Night activities and a half-hour discovery time in the museum. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

Beaten to a Pulp: Handmade Paper

Tuesday, April 14, 1 – 2:30 p.m. –OR– 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Students will make several kinds of paper and paper projects in this hands-on workshop showcasing an ancient art that's just as fun today! 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.

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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