



# Press Release

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

Salem, OR— This month A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, Salem's premier children's museum, turns 18. We've been part of the community long enough to see a child from birth to adulthood—and we're excited to continue offering the hands-on classes in the sciences, arts and humanities that inspire a lifelong love of learning. See below for our upcoming events. You won't want to miss New Year's Family Fun on December 31, 6-9 p.m. Walk the plank into 2008 with our *Swashbucklin' Pirate Parrrty!*

**Kids' Discovery Workshop: Whether the Weather**  
Saturday, December 1, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Children will learn how to gauge the weather by making a barometer, tornado tube, and edible water cycle, and much more. We'll explore how the Earth's revolution around the sun affects our weather and other climatic themes. Ages 6-12. \$8 members/\$13 nonmembers. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

**Museum Touch Cart Demonstrations**

December 1 – February 23, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Saturdays at the children's museum come alive with touch carts that enhance the hands-on learning of our exhibits. Featured exhibits: A Child's Trip to China, Dinostories, the River Room, Body Basics, and the Recycling Theater. Free with admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

**Children's Museum Turns 18!**

December 15, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, Salem's premier children's museum, turns 18! Come see how we've grown this year with new exhibits and refurbished facilities. Celebrate from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. with cake, punch, Victorian crafts, face painting, balloons, and more. Free with 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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New Year's Eve Family Fun: *Swashbucklin' Pirate Parrrrty!*

December 31, 6-9 p.m.

Walk the plank into 2008 with pirate-themed games, crafts, and activities at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, the children's museum in Salem's Riverfront Park. We have it all—adventure, loot, and a reasonable bedtime for the little sea doggies! Join us for Magician Tom Waldrop, 4-H petting zoo, live music, face painting, free professional photographs, and a lighted ball drop at 9 p.m. Sponsored by Les Schwab Tire Centers and proudly supported by the Statesman Journal. \$4 members/\$7 nonmembers/\$2.50 public assistance. 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).

Winter Break Workshop: Holiday Ornaments and Memories

Wednesday, December 19, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Using recycled, new, and natural materials, children will create unique holiday tree ornaments. Bring a small photo of your child for a personalized ornament. Ages 2-12. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. 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).

Winter Break Workshop: Wrap with Style!

Thursday, December 20, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Children will decorate cards and wrapping paper in this holiday class. Bring one unbreakable item for wrapping. We'll keep the mess: our gift to you! Ages 2-12. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. 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).

Winter Break Workshop: Candy Condominiums

Friday, December 21, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

In this modern take on the traditional holiday treat, children will decorate their own candy condominiums. Best of all, your kitchen remains frosting free! Ages 2-12. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. 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).

Winter Break Workshop: Bath Chemistry

Saturday, December 22, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Participants will sip peppermint tea as they learn about bath chemistry and aromatherapy. Customized gift options include bath salts, chocolate lip gloss, body paint, a scented egg, and more! Ages 2-12. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. 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).

Winter Break Workshop: A.C.'s Toy Shop

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Wednesday, December 26, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

While making a racecar, flying gizmo, and handcrafted doll, children will exercise creativity and learn construction skills. Ages 2-12. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. 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).

Winter Break Workshop: Winter Celebrations Around the World!

Thursday, December 27, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Children will take part in a global party while exploring Santa Lucia, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and other worldwide winter celebrations. Ages 2-12. \$5 members/\$10 nonmembers. 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).

Winter Break Workshop: Spy Academy

Friday, December 28, 11 a.m. – 12 p.m.

This workshop teaches the science of codes and forensics for future spies emphasizing careful observation, critical thinking, analysis, and teamwork. Ages 5-12. \$5 for members/\$10 for nonmembers. 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).

*Please note that A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village will close at 3 p.m. on December 24 and will reopen at 10 a.m. on December 26. We will also close between 3-6 p.m. on December 31 in preparation for New Year's Eve Family Fun.*

*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, foster enjoyment, encourage learning, and enable understanding in all youth.*

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