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FAMILY FUN AT THE GETTY CENTER

The Getty Center offers many opportunities for families to enjoy art together. The *Family Fun at the Getty* brochure, available at the Museum Information Desk and the Family Cart in the Museum Courtyard, offers ideas, tips, and clues to make every family's visit an adventure. The *GettyGuide Family Tour*, designed for families to enjoy together, makes art come alive for kids. Hear stories, music, and sounds inspired by 19 objects in the collection. Getty Guide Audio Players are available for \$5 at the Pick-Up Desk in the Museum Entrance Hall.

FREE ACTIVITIES AVAILABLE YEAR-ROUND:

The Family Room

Open every day in the Museum Courtyard by the East Pavilion, the Family Room is a place for children of all ages to discover a world of wonders, delights, and hands-on activities. Featuring five activity coves and treasure-hunt walls that surround the room, it's bursting with cool things to see and do. Decorate a giant illuminated manuscript. Build a tube sculpture, take part in a parade scene in a painting, or play with camera lenses and a wall of mirrors. Tired? Relax and read on a luxurious bed just like an 18th-century French aristocrat. Information in the Family Room is offered in English and Spanish.

Art Detective Cards

Find the art and solve the mystery with these cards designed for families to use while exploring the galleries, garden, and architecture. Cards are available every day outside the Family Room and at the Family Cart in the Museum Courtyard, in English and Spanish.

Family Art Stops

Get up close and personal with a single work of art at this half-hour, hands-on gallery experience geared for families with children ages 5 and up. A gallery educator leads tours to a family-friendly work of art -- perhaps a Renaissance oil painting, a 45-foot-tall steel sculpture,

or an opulent tapestry adorned with scampering exotic animals. Families learn together as they participate in fun activities such as puzzles, drawing projects, role-plays, even an artistic version of *Mad Libs*. Activities and works of art change frequently, making each visit a new experience.

Offered Saturday and Sunday afternoons year-round, and daily during the summer. Space is limited. Sign up at the Museum Information Desk beginning at 1:30 p.m. *También ofrecida en español a 2:30 p.m.*

AVAILABLE DURING THE SUMMER:

Family Art Lab

Drop in on art with Family Art Lab, a free workshop that combines an art encounter with a hands-on art project, offered Thursdays-Sundays during the summer.

Stop by the workshop table and pick up an activity sheet in English or Spanish. Then head to the galleries or the gardens, where a friendly guide will assist provides tips on completing a fun activity. Afterwards, return to the workshop table to make a masterpiece. The program is geared for families with children ages five and up, but anyone can participate

Art Adventures for Families

Get creative with Art Adventures, a one-hour gallery program that's part tour, part art lesson, and part family teamwork, offered weekend afternoons during the summer. A professional gallery teacher introduces families to a handful of artworks revolving around a theme, such as portraits or artists as storytellers. Working as a team, families use what they see to tackle fun, hands-on art, writing, or drama projects that help them look closely and think creatively about works of art. The program is geared for families with children ages five and up, but anyone can participate. Sign up at the Museum Information Desk beginning at 1:30 p.m. *También ofrecida en español*

SPECIAL EVENTS

Twice a year, the Getty Center presents *Family Festivals*—special days of fun for children, families, and all Getty visitors. The daylong celebrations feature international musical and dance performances, interactive storytelling, and art-making workshops inspired by exhibitions

in the Museum galleries. In the summer, enjoy ***Garden Concerts for Kids***, hour-long concerts in the Central Garden, featuring children's favorite performers. Hear fanciful tales inspired by works of art in the Getty's collection during special ***Storytelling*** sessions on selected Sundays January-May and October-December.

DINING OPTIONS

The Cafe offers pizza, grilled cheese, and peanut butter-and-jelly sandwiches; two outdoor espresso carts offer hot dogs, and snacks. Order family-friendly picnic boxes to enjoy in the Central Garden or the Getty's public seating areas. Or you can bring your own lunch and enjoy a picnic on the lawn near the Central Garden or at any of the Getty Center's public seating areas. Picnic tables and lawns for lounging are located at the Lower Tram Station (T1). Baby bottles are allowed in the galleries; no other food or beverages are permitted

SHOPPING

The Children's Bookstore offers fun books, gadgets, and gizmos related to the Getty Collection, located on the plaza level of the South Pavilion.

STROLLERS

Standard strollers are available for free on a first-come, first-served basis at the Lower Tram Station (T1) and at the coat check desk in the Museum Entrance Hall. Please note that child-carrying backpacks are not allowed in the galleries.

FAMILY RESTROOM

A family restroom, equipped with a private nursing area and a unisex stall, is located in the South Pavilion. All Getty Center public restrooms have diaper-changing tables.

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Visiting the Getty Center:

The Getty Center is open Tuesday through Friday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. It is closed Monday and major holidays. Admission to the Getty Center is always free. Parking is \$15 per car, but free after 5pm on Saturdays and for evening events throughout the week. No reservation is required for parking or general admission. Reservations are required for event seating and groups of 15 or more. Please call 310-440-7300 (English or Spanish) for reservations and information. The TTY line for callers who are deaf or hearing impaired is 310-440-7305. The Getty Center is at 1200 Getty Center Drive, Los Angeles, California.

Additional information is available at www.getty.edu.

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