

— Mountain Top — Children's Museum

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mountain Top Children's Museum, Inc. is an educational institution designed to promote informal learning through interactive exhibits and programs, imaginative play and engagement in active experiences for children ages 10 and under and their families/caregivers.

EXHIBITS

The Breckenridge Mountain Top Children's Museum, Inc. (MTCM) continues to be a strong asset in the Summit County community. We are about to launch into our third solid year in the Village at Breckenridge thanks to the generous donation of space from the Breckenridge Ski Resort/Vail Resorts. With an impressive 10,000+ visitors to date, the Museum is busy planning for its future.



experiences that other settings are not able to give them. Children's



museums have quite successfully reinterpreted play for today's families. They keep the best of traditional approaches to play—child centered, hands-on exploration for the whole family. The MTCM exists to provide families with fun, engaging exhibits and programs in a healthy and nurturing environment. For many

THE ROLE OF PLAY TODAY

Some people talk about play as if it were a relief from serious learning or even worse, a waste of time. But for children, play is exceedingly serious and important! In fact, play is a way for children to learn who they are, how the world works, solve problems, and to express feelings. Play is the real work of childhood, and for young people today, many children's museums, like the Mountain Top Children's Museum, offer play



years, play has been taken for granted as something that just happens and something separate from learning. The MTCM believes that play is an invaluable medium for developmental and emotional learning, and we celebrate it everyday. Come and think outside the box with us as we nourish your imagination!

Thinking Outside the Box

DAY CAMP

Mountain Top's summer 2006 Day Camp was out of this world. Not only did we double the number of kids that joined our program, but we doubled the amount of fun as well! Our days were spent using our noodles and solving wacky science experiments with the mad scientist.

We also trekked through the Rocky Mountains, went on numerous field trips, and unleashed our creativity with lots of unique projects.

We even had a guest visitor drop by to say "Hi". . . Mr. Moose! He wanted to sign up for camp, but he couldn't fit through the door! Camp was a huge success and we are all anxiously awaiting Summer 2007!



OUTREACH PROGRAMS

Thanks to a generous grant from The Summit Foundation this year, the Mountain Top Children's Museum was able to reach out to other Summit County childcare organizations including Little Red Schoolhouse, Carriage House Early Learning Center, Summit County Preschool, and Kinderhut and provide them some Mountain Top fun!



Our outreach program strives to enrich the lives of local children through fun and learning. Some of our favorite activities this summer were fish prints, pocket rockets and "Rock N' Roll"!

We asked the experts their opinion of Mountain Top. The little gang at Little Red said, "Mountain Top was the funnest thing ever!" On that note, we look forward to connecting with the community and children again next summer.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Thank you volunteers, for donating over 1,500 hours from January through October 2006!

Volunteer time has included exhibit clean up and repairs, tremendous fundraising help, and assistance with the MTCM summer programs and exhibit.

A special "thank you" to each of you who has helped make MTCM a success! We wouldn't have made it

this far without you, and we appreciate all the continued support!

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EVENTS

The MTCM has participated in many events over the past year, providing fun science and art activities to Summit County families and guests alike. These events include the International Snowsculpting Event, Spring Massive, Breckenridge Town

Clean-Up, Town of Breckenridge Party, Main Street Performances, Kidz Calliope pre-entertainment workshops, and the BRC Holiday Craft workshop. For our calendar of events call 970-453-7878 or please visit us at www.mtntopmuseum.org.

WHAT DO THEY SAY . . .

Jamie, age 6: "Mountain Top is fun and exciting, it's cool because we get to go on Field Trips."

Charlie, age 9: "When I go to (the) Mountain Top, I look forward to seeing all my friends and all the fabulous teachers."

Liam, age 9: "Mountain Top is a place where FUN is everywhere."

Laurel, age 7: "MTCM is awesome!"

Bridget, age 9: "I like when we play in the forts, we have a lot of fun and do great activities."



FUNDRAISING

Fundraising efforts have brought in over \$5,500 to date. This year's fundraising events included: The 2nd Tropical Luau at Beaver Run Resort, Steve Weeks' Alphabet Songs, Kidz Calliope Series at the Town of Breckenridge Riverwalk Center, the 5th Annual End of Summer Carnival & Cookout, and currently the Holiday Kids Card Collection—on sale now. Designed by children of Summit County, these Holiday Cards make perfect gifts. Packed in sets of 12 cards, they sell for \$5. Cards are available at the Museum, 605 S. Park Ave. or by calling 970-453-7878.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES

The MTCM has celebrated over 25 birthdays this year. Celebrate your next birthday at the Mountain Top Children's Museum and enjoy a hassle-free party where you get all the fun and we clean up the mess! For more details, or to reserve your party, call us today at 970-453-7878.



WEB SITE LAUNCHED

The Mountain Top Children's Museum, Inc is excited to announce the launch of our new website www.mtntopmuseum.org. Visit our website today for exciting event information, what's new at the exhibit and up-and-coming happenings at the Museum exhibit. Check out our calendar of events and stay posted for upcoming program information for the Summer 2007 Day Camp.

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ANNUAL MEETING

DATE: January 8, 2007
LOCATION: Beaver Run Resort
TIME: 6:00 PM

Everyone is welcome! For more information call: 970-333-7353

MTCM WISH LIST: Digital Camera, Laptop Computer, and Color Printer.

If you'd like to donate one of these item, please contact Luara at (970) 333-7353.