



LUZ UP !?!



WE PUT LEARNING IN THE HANDS OF CHILDREN

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LUZ
CHILDREN'S
MUSEUM



Tuesday Calendar Celebrations



May and June 10:00am-12:00pm

May 5

Turtle Day: Join us to learn all about our turtle animal ambassadors and their rescue story. If the turtles are up for it, we will even have an obstacle course to see who is fastest!



May 12

Dance Like a Chicken Day: We will learn all about our chicken ambassadors and shake our tail feathers to songs like the *Chicken Dance* and *Shake a Tail Feather*.

May 19

National Plant Something Day: Let's decorate a flower pot and take home a beautiful flower to celebrate this day.



May 26

Scavenger Hunt and Paper Airplane Day: Make some fantastic paper airplanes and find them hidden throughout the museum. It's going to be a soaringly good time.



June 2

Museum Closed AM For Field Trip, Reopen at 1PM : Know a school or youth group that would like a program at our museum? Look at our website for all we offer and call our front desk to schedule.

June 9

Best Friends Day: Bring your child's friend to the museum and the friend gets in free. We will have fun games, crafts, and stories all about friendship.

June 16

Dog Day: We will learn all about our best friend, the dog, and meet Truman George, our executive dog. Hear his rescue story, how he gets along being deaf, and moving around on three legs.

June 23

Pink Day: Wear Pink and get \$2 off admission. We will surround ourselves with all things pink and sparkly.



June 30

Rabbit Day: Let's meet our wonderful rabbit ambassadors, hear their rescue story, and learn all about their wants and needs.





Lutz Explore Nature Summer Camp 2026

Lutz Nature Camp is an adventure every day! Bring back the magic of a classic summer—muddy sneakers, nature trails, crafts, games, and endless outdoor play.



- Explore the 52 acres of Oak Grove Nature Preserve
- Meet ambassador animals
- Hands-on STEAM activities
- Nature scavenger hunts
- Plus plenty more adventures along the way!

Camper Ages: 5 to 10 years old
Dates: Weekly from July 6th - August 21st
Time: Drop off 8:30 AM, pick up 3:00 PM
Cost: Members \$340/week, Non-members \$395/week

Spaces go quickly, so register now!
860-643-0949
cmazur@lutzmuseum.org



Car-nival

Saturday, June 6th

12pm-3pm



Trucks, cars, wheely awesome machines - some to touch, or jump into and explore, and others to just gawk at in awe!



Ice cream, snacks, lemonade, robotics, hair tinsel & festival braids!

FREE event admission!



May Day Celebration

Friday, May 1st

\$10. Registration required. 10:30am and 2:30pm

Scan QR or call
860-643-0949



- Dance around the Maypole
- Make baskets to deliver to friends and neighbors
- Create forever flower crowns

Outdoors, weather permitting. Museum admission for additional fee.

MAKE & TAKE CRAFT DAYS

Drop in all day
and make a craft to take home!

MOTHER'S DAY THEMED

May 5th - May 9th

FATHER'S DAY THEMED

June 16th - June 20th

ANNUAL FUNDRAISER SUNDAY, MAY 17



UR Community Cares 3rd Annual

Graffiti Battle

Sunday, May 17, 2026



SCAN THE QR CODE
TO REGISTER

CALL 860-430-4557 OR

INFO@URCOMMUNITYCARES.ORG

Come and graffiti a giant Chuckles from Lutz Children's Museum
and be part of our community art project!

LOCATION: URBAN LODGE BREWING
PURNELL PLACE, MANCHESTER, CT

RISEUP
FOR ARTS

YourArtSupplies.com

Wednesday, May 20th

10am-12pm

Come see our bee hive
and learn all about our buzzy friends!
We will make bee crafts & a flower seed ball.



World

Bee Day

Lutz
celebrate bees!

All Day:

\$2 OFF
museum admission
when you dress
like a bee!



DRAGON BOAT PARADE

Sunday, May 31st, 1pm-3pm

Design your own cardboard dragon boat and scoot in our parade.

Parade will run at 2pm
on the sidewalk around the building, weather permitting.

**WE'LL PROVIDE CARDBOARD BOXES,
MARKERS, STREAMERS,
SPARKLES, GLUE, ETC.**

**YOU BRING
YOUR CREATIVITY!**



Registration required.
\$5 with museum admission.
Scan QR or call
860-643-0949



Best Friends Day

Tuesday, June 9th, 10am-12pm

Bring your child's friend for FREE!



- Lutz meet new friends
- Make crafts
- Bond over fun games
- Hear stories all about friendship



ACTIVIST OPEN HOUSE DAY
JUNE 13, 2026



Free Admission 12-3pm

The museum will be buzzing with exciting activities including:
animal ambassador meet and greets, storytimes,
a scavenger hunt, crafts, and more!

A photograph of the exterior of ION Restaurant at night. The sign above the entrance says "ION Restaurant".

Dine at ION
on Thursday,
June 8th, 11am-8pm
and 10% of your
purchase will support

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ION
Restaurant
606 Main St.
Middletown CT
860.346.9210
ionrestaurant.com

it's happening in

MANCHESTER

June 21, 2026

MAKE MUSIC DAY

FREE



LUTZ MAKE MUSIC!
Join us 12pm-3pm
for free access to the music event
in the Multipurpose Room.
We will be listening to great music &
making some of our own.

CELEBRATING MANCHESTER STUDENT ART

STARTING APRIL 20TH, THE LUTZ MUSEUM WILL TRANSFORM INTO AN ART MUSEUM. WE WILL SHOWCASE ARTWORK BY MANCHESTER STUDENTS!

MUSEUM ADMISSION INCLUDES ONE FREE VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE PIECE OF ART. ARTWORK WILL CHANGE EACH SATURDAY, AND VOTING WILL BE OPEN SUNDAY THROUGH THURSDAY.

- **MAY 3RD BUCKLEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- **MAY 10TH HIGHLAND PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- **MAY 17TH KEENEY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- **MAY 24TH WADDELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Dear Members,



I have some wonderfully wild news to share with you.

For the entire month of June, our friends at the Roaring Brook Nature Center are opening their trails, exhibits, and natural magic to you, our members, completely free of charge. All you need to do is present your valid 2026 LCM membership card when you arrive, and you are in.

This partnership is especially close to my heart. I spent many childhood summers in Simsbury with my Nana, and Roaring Brook was our place. I can still picture us wandering the orange and dark blue trails; racing my brother to the next tree marker, breathing in that fresh forest air, and soaking up the simple joy of being outside together. It is a place that holds memories, makes new ones effortlessly, and reminds you how magical nature can be.

Magical it is. Roaring Brook is one of those rare places where curiosity leads the way; where a short walk can turn into an adventure, and where you might even spot some familiar animal friends from the West Hartford Children's Museum.

So, here is my gentle nudge (okay, enthusiastic encouragement): go explore. Wander the trails, visit the animals, bring your family and a picnic lunch, and give yourself the gift of a little time in nature.

And while you are there, show our fellow museum friends some love. Pop into their gift shop and pick up a treasure or two. Your support helps them continue the incredible work they do and strengthens the community we are so proud to be part of.

This is truly a special opportunity, and I hope you take full advantage of it. Please visit their website for hours of operation and additional fine print type details.

See you on the trails (I'll be the one heading for the orange markers),

Clare J. Mazur
President/CEO



AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH OUR NEWEST RESIDENT

Conducted by Chuckles the Groundhog
Museum Mascot & Investigative Journalist

Chuckles: Welcome to the Lutz! Can you introduce yourself to our guests?

Jean-Claude Van Hamme: Merci, Chuckles. I'm Jean-Claude Van Hamme, a Syrian long-haired hamster who recently arrived from a wonderful sanctuary we partner with.

Chuckles: I have to ask about the hair. It's... impressive.

Van Hamme: Naturally. One must stay well-groomed when meeting so many guests each day. Fortunately, the Lutz provides excellent grooming accommodations.

Chuckles: I hear you're quite social.

Van Hamme: Very! My best friend at the sanctuary was a dog, so I was delighted to meet the resident executive dog, Truman George.

Chuckles: And how are you settling in?

Van Hamme: Quite nicely in my fancy condo in the animal room. The Lutz also offers a fine selection of fresh fruits and vegetables to complement my high-quality pellet and seed mix.

Chuckles: Any message for visitors?

Van Hamme: Stop by and say hello! I look forward to making many new friends—and showing off the hair.



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Birthday Parties

Celebrate your birthday at
the Lutz Children's Museum!



Saturdays and Sundays
9:45am-11:45am or 4:30pm-
6:30pm
(Afternoon time Saturdays only)



What's Included:

- Party room
- Choice of party activity (30 min)
- Admission for 15 kids PLUS the birthday child (MAX limit 25 kids)
- Chaperones attend FREE
- Invitations to send your guests

Cost:

Members: \$325

Non-Members: \$375

Additional Options:

Additional guests +\$15/per child

Extra animal presentation +\$30


Chuckles mascot meet-and-greet +\$30

Extra hour in party room +\$100



For best availability book at least 3
months in advance. For more
information or to reserve your party
call us at (860) 643-0949 or email
frontdesk@lutzmuseum.org

Volunteer at the Lutz Children's Museum!



**Calling all high school and
college students, retirees,
young professionals and
corporate/non-profit groups!**

The Museum needs volunteers to help
clean and reset our exhibits, assist our
staff with animal care, and work on
projects and special events! Whether
you have a few hours a week or a month,
your time and skills can make a
difference in the lives of children and
our animals.

If you're 12 or older, apply online at
lutzmuseum.org

Want to learn about cool deals and fun events?

Keep up and follow us on
our Social Media!



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