Quick Facts
An At-A-Glance Look at the Terre Haute Children’s Museum

About
Name: Terre Haute Children’s Museum  
Organization Type: 501(c)(3) Nonprofit  
Mission Statement: To enrich our children’s lives through the exploration of science and technology.

Exhibits
Natural Sciences: In our tree house, climb through the trunk maze and discover hidden animals. Once you’re inside, use our pollen shooters to hit the flower targets, and look through telescopes to discover cool science facts. Crawl into our cave and use special brushes, chisels and tools to “excavate” dinosaur skeletons.

AGCITING! Follow Your Food: Do you know how your food gets to your kitchen table? Where does milk come from? In this exhibit, “Follow Your Food” as you learn about agriculture and the importance of farming to everyday life. Drive a tractor or a combine, milk a cow, go grocery shopping and then prepare a meal in the kitchen.

Water Areas: At the water table, participate in pipes and fountain building, river and dam stations, and cause and effect water physics. Get to feel what it is like to be completely enclosed in a giant bubble. You can even learn about seashells at the Seashell Discovery exhibit!

Toddler Zone: Come and enjoy this play and learning space for our youngest visitors. The Toddler Zone has a safe and fun carpeted climbing structure, padded floors and a variety of age-appropriate books and toys.

Health Exhibits: Put on a pint-sized vet coat and stethoscope and take on the role of veterinarian. With real animal x-rays, an exam table and all the necessary tools, you can nurture the neighborhood pets back to health. Children can also learn about the workings of their bodies through our Body Viewer and Body Heat exhibits!

History
1991: In 1991, the Museum moved to a 3,000-square-foot building at 523 Wabash Ave., donated by Terre Haute First Financial Bank.
2004: In 2004, a family very close to the Museum bequeathed a generous gift that allowed the Board of Directors to embark on a capital campaign.
2006: In July of 2006 a renovation of the Museum’s facilities and exhibits took place, creating additional opportunities for children and families to learn about science and technology together.
2010: On Sept. 24, 2010, after six years of fundraising & planning, the new 3-story, 26,000-square-foot Terre Haute Children’s Museum opened at the corner of 8th & Wabash in downtown Terre Haute.

Membership
Individual: $75  
Family: $125  
Grandparent: $150

Admission
Member Free  
Under 24 months Free  
24 months & Over $7

Hours
Tuesday 10-6  
Wednesday 10-6  
Thursday 10-6  
Friday 10-8  
Saturday Noon-5  
Sunday Closed  
Monday Closed

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Birthday Parties & Events
We know that birthday parties are a big deal, and there's no better way to make the day special than by hosting a Museum party!

Birthday parties include museum admission for you and your guests and the use of a private party room. The Museum staff will set up tables, chairs and trash cans, and when the party is over, will clean up and tear down.

The Museum is also available for baby showers, business meetings, and workshops. And, if you want to have an extra special event, consider renting the whole Museum! We have hosted a wide variety of private events, including birthday parties, corporate events and holiday parties.

Our Market/Audience
- Families with children ages 0-12 in Terre Haute and surrounding communities
- Grandparents
- School groups, educators, preschools, early childhood care providers, homeschool families and scouting groups
- Tourists

Our Visitors
On September 24, 2010, the Museum opened in its new location at the corner of 8th and Wabash, and that weekend, we welcomed more than 7,000 guests. Since then, more than 150,000 people have visited our facility, and we have nearly 900 families who have joined us as members!

Staff
6 Full Time Staff Members
5 Part Time Staff Members
100 Volunteers

Educational Programs
- Teachers can take their classes on an adventure through the museum with our Self-Exploration Field Trips or they can participate in our Focused Field Trips, which include grade-specific science lessons that meet state standards.
- Tot Time is for toddlers ages 2-5 and their parents/caregivers. The program is sponsored by Altrusa International of Terre Haute, includes a story, and a science-related hands-on activity.
- From robots and dinosaurs to recycling and the solar system, the Museum offers a number of Summer and Day Camps to spark inspiration and imagination.
- The Museum and the Indiana State University Center for Mathematics Education is working together to present “Go Figure,” a math encouragement and enrichment program for third- through fifth-grade students. The five-week program is offered twice a year.
- Bridges of Indiana and Child Adult Resource Services (C.A.R.S.) have partnered with the Museum to present Exceptional Explorations, a program that gives individuals with disabilities and their families a chance to experience the Museum at NO COST. To register for the program, visit www.bridgesofindiana.com.