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Community Spotlight: Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum



Winchester is very fortunate to have a museum which welcomes the whole family to come learn and play together. The Shenandoah Valley Discovery Museum is a children's museum located at 54 S. Loudoun St. which is in downtown Winchester. It is an excellent way for children to discover more about the world

while having a great time. It will also improve their ability to understand what they are learning in school. The exhibits cover many science topics like simple machines, nature, dinosaurs and puzzles. Children enjoy constructing their own small house, climbing a wall, doing art work, and playing in a hospital emergency room. Many of the books available for children and adults to read are in Spanish.

There is an admission fee to the Museum of \$5 per person but every month on the first Friday of the month, there is free admission between 5 and 7:30 p.m. Many families take advantage of this opportunity to visit the Museum each month.

Additionally there are family memberships to the Museum which are available for families who are not able to pay. These memberships can be obtained through several organizations.

With a membership card a family can visit and enjoy the Museum whenever they want. The membership card can also be used at some other museums in other cities.

Contact one of the following organizations if your family would like to go to the Museum but cannot afford the regular admission fee. Call:

Migrant Education
(David Wade, 722-0520)

Migrant Head Start
(Katy Pitcock, 955-9686)

Winchester Police Department
(Charlotte Fritts, 545-7548)

Programa Alas
(Rosy Perreault, 974-2091)

Boys & Girls Club (723-6665).

They will assist you in getting a membership card to the Museum so that your family can begin to enjoy all the benefits of spending time at the Discovery Museum.