

December 2025

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Members Only Monday Songs and Stories 10:30 am Animal Encounter 11:30 am	2 Innovation Station 2:30-4:30 pm	3 Messy Morning 9:15 am-Noon Wonder Lab 10:30 am and 1:30 pm Animal Encounter 11:30 am	4 Curiosity Cart 9:15 am-Noon Kaleideum will close at 2 pm for staff holiday party	5 Preschool Discovery 10:30 am Animal Encounter 11:30 am Festive Family Friday (R\$) 2-8 pm	6 Animal Encounter 11:30 am
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30	Digital Dome Theater (\$) Get tickets at the Welcome Desk: \$3 for members; \$5 for non-members. Live Planetarium Show Tues-Sun, Noon and 3 pm Explore the stars and planets with our expert guides. December Full Dome Movie: Cosmic Adventure Tues-Sun at 2 pm THE DIGITAL DOME IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS. Scan the QR code or visit kaleideum.org/digital-dome for show details and pricing. Musical Laser Matinee • Tues-Sun at 1 pm • Dec 2-7: Holiday Classics • Dec 9-14: Holiday Hoopla • Dec 16-21: Holiday Magic • Dec 23-28: Holiday Classics • Dec 30-Jan 4: Taylor Swift					

Recurring Programs

Songs and Stories

Mondays, 10:30 am

Imaginations come alive when a Kaleideum educator reads a story and sings a song.

Animal Encounter

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, 11:30 am

Meet one of Kaleideum's resident animals up close. Learn more about its behavior, adaptations, care, and handling from our animal care staff.

Innovation Station

Tuesdays, 2:30-4:30 pm

Explore hands-on engineering concepts using recycled materials in our Try It! Studio, where each week offers new opportunities to invent, design, and build through creative, sustainability-focused activities.

Messy Morning

Wednesdays,

9:15 am-Noon

Roll up your sleeves in the Try It! Studio, where hands-on sensory play and delightfully messy activities happen every Wednesday morning.

Wonder Lab

Wednesdays, 10:30 am and 1:30 pm

Unlock the mysteries of fascinating science concepts from color creation to electricity's essence.

Curiosity Cart

Thursdays, 9:15 am-Noon

Spark your curiosity through arts and crafts, museum collections, science, and more.

Preschool Discovery

Fridays, 10:30 am

Play, create, and explore with us in this program that's just for little hands and big minds.

Festive Family Friday (R\$)

Friday, December 5, 2-8 pm

Put the festive in your Friday with an afternoon and evening full of joyful, memory-making moments!

- Photos with Santa, captured by photographer Devin Lane (2:30-4:30 pm and 5-7 pm)
- DJ Hek Yeh spinning holiday tunes (2:30-4:30 pm)
- Live performances by Titirifa Puppets, Seasons Best Carolers, and Spring Theatre
- Holiday Magic by Steve Feldman
- Reindeer food making, Snow Much Fun Sensory Room, and other hands-on holiday crafts
- Sno-Glo Dance Party (5-8 pm)
- Santa's Epic Snowball Fight (7:30 pm)

Ms. Lili's Puppet Playhouse

Presented by Titirifa Puppets Art and Recreation

Tuesdays, December 9 and 16, 10 am

Thursdays, December 11 and 18, 10 am

Sing, clap, and giggle along with Ms. Lili and her puppet pals during this fun-filled storytime.

Mom and Baby Yoga

Thursday, December 11, 10:30-11:30 am

Bring a yoga mat and blanket for a wonderful way to enjoy your baby's first year. Led by Novant Health instructor Angela Gallagher

Exceptional Night at the Museum:

Winter Wonderland (R\$)

Thursday, December 11, 5:30-8:30 pm

Step into a magical, sensory-friendly winter wonderland! Explore snow sensory bins, create holiday cards and sparkling winter crowns, enjoy fun winter-themed games, and experience the beauty of the Northern Lights in the Digital Dome. This inclusive event is designed for individuals and families with disabilities to celebrate the season in a welcoming and joyful atmosphere. Members free; non-members \$5.

Kaleideum After Dark: Twin City Santa (R\$)

Saturday, December 13, 7-11 pm

The holiday party of the year just got a new twist! Kaleideum is teaming up with Twin City Santa for their 22nd Annual Toy Drive and Semi-Formal Dress to dazzle in your seasonal best, bring an unwrapped toy (\$25 value), and get ready for a night packed with holiday magic. DJ Hek Yeh will keep the dance floor moving, the Digital Dome will turn into the ultimate holiday karaoke stage, the photo booth will capture all the memories, and hors d'oeuvres will keep you merry and bright. Every donation helps bring joy to local children through Twin City Santa's toy drive tradition. Admission includes two drink tickets for beer, wine, or non-alcoholic beverages. \$30 online + bring a \$25 toy | \$35 at the door + toy (or \$25 donation). **Unwrapped toy or monetary toy donation of \$25 is required for entry.**

Mrs. Cottontail and Friends

Thursday, December 18, 11 am

It's storytime with a twist ... Mrs. Cottontail will read a story, do yoga exercises, and bring a special fluffy friend. Included with admission or membership.

Try-It! Studio



Try your hand at a maker activity in a space where creativity knows no bounds. The recycled material wall will be open Tuesday mornings and Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday afternoons.

- **Dec 6-7:** Build a winter diorama.
- **Dec 13-14:** Create gifts and cards for the holidays.
- **Dec 20-21:** Design an ornament.
- **Dec 27-28:** Create a skier or snowboarder to hit the slopes.

Cookie House Workshop (R\$)

Sunday, December 21, 1-3 PM

Build a house with mini milk cartons, graham crackers, icing, and a variety of sweet treats. The cost per house is \$5. Museum admission not included, but admission or membership is required.

Little Innovators (R\$)

• **Candy Cane Science • Wednesday, December 10, 3:30 pm**

Experiment with tasty holiday treats and make peppermint stripes disappear, marble paint candy canes, and create peppermint slime!

• **Magic Magnets • Saturday, December 27, 10:30 am**

Feel the mysterious forces of push and pull by testing magnetic fields, making floating magnets, and building a compass.

Purchase tickets online or at the Welcome Desk. \$5 per ticket (Includes one adult with one innovator. Adult must attend with child.) Museum admission is not included.

Noon Year's Eve

Wednesday, December 31, 10 am-1pm

Ring in the NOON YEAR Kaleideum style at our Noon Year's Eve Party. Dive into the fun for all ages with crafts, music, a dance party, and a Noon Countdown. Noon Year's Eve is included with museum admission or membership.

Camp Kaleideum: Winter Break Edition (R\$)

When school is out Camp Kaleideum is in! All camps run from 9 am to 4 pm and are for PreK-Grade 5. PreK must be 4 years old at time of registration. Members \$50; non-members \$60.

- **Monday, December 29: Ice and Innovation**
Chill out and think big! Use the design process to complete challenges, engineer igloos, and make your own snowball launcher.
- **Tuesday, December 30: Penguin Games**
Slide into a day of icy fun! Create your own penguin mascot and compete in waddle races, snowball fights, and penguin themed obstacle courses while learning about real life penguins.
- **Wednesday, December 31: New Year's Celebration**
Count down to the New Year! Make some noise while creating firework art, design your own headband, and get ready to ring in the New Year! **NO AFTERCARE AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 31.**
- **Friday, January 2: Frozen Lab**
Dive into a frosty world of hands-on experiments and frozen fun! Campers will learn the science behind ice and snow through cool chemistry experiments and create icy works of art.

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