Some events are more fun than others!

WEDDINGS + PRIVATE RENTALS
Make your event come alive at Madison Children’s Museum. Our award-winning space provides floors of built-in fun for large celebrations and a lively selection of smaller spaces for intimate events. Madison Children’s Museum’s planning specialists can assist in the details to make any gathering a creative and memorable event.

- Wedding receptions
- Holiday parties
- Corporate events
- Fundraisers
- Birthday and anniversary celebrations
- Family and class reunions
- Bar/bat mitzvahs
- And many more

And, your special event can expand beyond the walls of the museum to take advantage of all that downtown Madison has to offer: Monona Terrace, State Street, premier hotels, ample parking, public transportation, top restaurants, and dynamic nightlife.
The first floor includes both the DeAtley Community Concourse and Wildernest, offering tantalizing previews of what the museum has to offer. It is ideal for standing receptions, dancing, and smaller dinner parties with limited budgets.

The second floor offers beautiful views of the Capitol Square as well as some of our most creative spaces, including the Jim & Susan Bakke Art Studio and Possible-opolis. This is our most popular space, ideal for wedding receptions, bar/bat mitzvahs, or corporate events.

The Rooftop Ramble is a unique, “park in the sky” where guests can meander through lush gardens in an urban oasis. The space is perfect for cocktail hours and intimate gatherings.
Madison Children’s Museum provides the perfect place for cocktails, dancing, and dinner, to mingle with frolic and play. Our facility rental professionals are on hand to help make every event unique.

Sip cocktails and soak up the scenery on the rooftop “park in the sky”—a lush garden in an urban oasis. Our beautiful, historic building is located in the heart of Madison with breathtaking views of the state Capitol and Lake Mendota.

Up to 600 guests can discover whimsy and fun throughout three exhibit floors—all handicap accessible.

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Surround guests with creativity, color, and the work of over 200 regional artists.
Rental fees and royalty fees on food and beverage catering at Madison Children’s Museum support the museum—most notably our Access for Everyone Program.

Madison Children’s Museum offers every child who walks through our doors a singular world of creative, educational play. Our exhibits are designed and built in-house. Like a fine restaurant, almost everything is locally sourced and made from scratch by talented staff, who combine technical skills and expertise with more than a dash of artistry. Exhibits are designed to stimulate children’s growth and development. Everything we make must further our values of inclusion, conservation, cooperation, and respect for our shared history and environment. Within our exhibit spaces, children participate in enriching programs taught by educators and artists, building skills in STEM, literacy, music, fine arts, and more. Those are a lot of words from grown-ups; kids say, “wow!”

Family Access Memberships & Admission

While the museum’s daily admission price is deliberately set lower than what it actually costs to serve each visitor, some families need more support to access the wealth of resources the museum offers. That’s why we offer individual admission for $1, or a year-long membership for $15, to families who qualify via a broad range of programs, including food stamps or other public assistance, IEPs (school designations for children with learning or other disabilities), foster care, or Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

The museum maintains numerous other programs serving our community, including discounts for military personnel and teachers, reduced price visits for schools serving children with need, special programs for children with autism spectrum disorder, free admission for new parents, programs for scouts, and much more.
At Madison Children’s Museum, children and adults alike learn through play and exploration in creative, engaging, one-of-a-kind environments. Adult parties and events at the museum provide opportunities for adventure and team-building. Your guests will explore our award-winning exhibits, which spark curiosity and imagination. The museum showcases the work of over 100 local artists and exhibit builders.

Enhance your event with customized educational programming or craft activities! While the possibilities are endless, some ideas include:

- **Meet the Critters:** Let one of our discovery guides introduce you to any or all of our rooftop animal friends
- **Button Making:** Let your guests create their own unique wearable button
- **Scavenger Hunt:** Explore the secrets of Madison Children’s Museum with one of our scavenger hunts—or one of your own design
- **Spin Art Machine:** Turn old records into elaborate works of art

Some activities may be subject to additional charges to cover supplies and/or staffing. Educational programming and activities must be scheduled via the facility rental coordinator at least five weeks prior to your event date.
Event hours must be before or after the museum is open to the public, 7–9 a.m. or 6–11 p.m. For evening events, one additional hour of time may be added to extend event until midnight at a pro-rated rate.

Madison Children’s Museum requires security for all private rentals. Security is charged at a rate of $50/officer/hour. The number of officers present will be determined by the facility rental coordinator and is based upon your attendance and type of event.

Clients are required to use Madison Children’s Museum preferred caterers for all food and beverage. Please note that catering costs for all food and beverages include a set royalty fee for the museum to help support exhibits and education programs.

Events are not confirmed on the museum’s calendar until we receive signed copies of the facility rental agreement and a 50 percent deposit. Events must be booked at least one month in advance.

All events are required to make a $500 security deposit that is refundable upon completion of an event. The final amount refunded is based upon exhibit damage, excessive cleaning, and any other costs deemed necessary at the discretion of the museum.
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