

Children's museum bringing exhibit to fair

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Busy Brains Children's Museum, which is scheduled to open in Central Lake County in 2008, will bring its traveling exhibits to the following summer events: the Lake County Fair July 29, Grayslake Summer Days Parade Aug. 19, and the Grayslake Farmer's Market Aug. 22.

The exhibits are geared toward children up to age 10. Busy Brains will also provide an opportunity for volunteers to sign up for any of its three standing committees: marketing, fundraising and exhibits.

Busy Brains Children's Museum plans to open Lake County's only children's museum and seeks to provide an environment where children, families, and schools come together to discover their world through exhibits and programs in the areas of the arts, sciences and humanities.

"When the museum opens next year, the families from the local community will be an important part of our success and we look forward to the opportunity of sharing our traveling exhibits with these parents and children," said Alison Price, Busy Brains president and co-founder.

Busy Brains plans to have four to five initial exhibits and space for a traveling exhibit. Focus groups of teachers, parents, children, and businesses are being conducted to help in the exhibit decision-making process. Exhibits will be completely interactive and focus on topics of interest to Lake County families and visitors.

Currently, Busy Brains offers eight traveling rental exhibits geared toward schools, day camps and family events including the following.

Mystery of Flight: Learn about air flow and how airplanes stay aloft.

Good Vibrations: Discover how music uses sound waves to travel.

Touch! See! Smell! Hear!: This reinforces the concept of sense while learning new vocabulary.

Zzrrrrmm!: This uses washers and pipes to help kids understand gravity.

Construct: Work with PVC pipes and connectors to build structures.

Rub a Dub: Create pictures using a simple crayon.

Pressures: Harness air and water pressure to create a tornado and fountain.

Excavation: Pretend to be a truck driver and dig away at the kids table.

For information about the museum, traveling exhibits or volunteer and fundraising opportunities, visit www.busybrains.org or call (224) 381-0138.