



e-Family Time Newsletter, brought to you by [Cool Culture](#)—October 2011

Looking Forward: Exploring as Cool Culture Alumni!



Five Boroughs. [Endless Adventures](#). Photo by Cool Culture.

Are you a Cool Culture alumni family? Keep exploring New York City arts and culture with your children! Fun cultural experiences help prepare your children for success in school, even after participating in Cool Culture.

Keep Cool!

Plan low-cost cultural trips for your family that don't require the Cool Culture Family Pass! Many museums offer free hours or pay-what-you-wish admission, while others offer free days throughout the month. Pay-what-you-wish admission (also known as suggested donation) means that you can pay any amount for entry to the museum - this is a best-kept secret about visiting museums!

Did you know that some museums are *always* free? [Sony Wonder Technology Lab](#), [National Museum of the American Indian](#), and [Socrates Sculpture Park](#) are a few places to visit that are always free to enter!

Find a Museum

Discover affordable places to go and things to do with your family online! Using your favorite search engine, enter keywords such as "free museum admission NYC," "free family programs NYC," or "free performances NYC."

Call your favorite museums or check their websites to ask if

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Did you know? You can ALWAYS visit www.coolculture.org and download resources and [fun activities](#) to get tools, tips and free event listings for your family!



Hunt for cultural treasures! Don't forget to [download](#) and print out these fun and educational cards for your next visit to a museum. Learn more on our [website](#)!

Use your Family Pass before October 31st!

Remember, the Family Pass is good for general admission for up to 5 individuals any time the cultural institution is open!

Don't forget to bring your ID. Have fun exploring NYC's arts and culture!

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they have days or hours when they don't charge admission. Many museums, such as [The Jewish Museum](#) and [The Studio Museum in Harlem](#), have a free day every week featuring family workshops.

"In New York, there are so many great art shows," says Cool Culture mom Yang Xu, who especially enjoys visiting [The Metropolitan Museum of Art](#) with her family. In addition to museums, gardens and zoos, [libraries](#) and [parks](#) are also fantastic spots to visit. They often offer free concerts, art exhibitions, movies, story times and other exciting events for your family to enjoy.

As your kids grow, cultural trips remain a great way to continue quality family time together and help your children to develop and explore their interests.

"If your kids like to go to science, art or music museums, you should encourage them," says Ms. Xu. "You just have to let them explore."

[Stay cool!](#) Keep connected on [Facebook](#) for updates on free family events!

By Erin Cassin

For a full list of Cool Culture partners, check out the Cool Culture [website](#).

OCTOBER EVENTS CALENDAR

Explore many tricks and treats this month!

EVENTS CALENDAR KEY:

FP = Free with Cool Culture Family Pass

FREE = Free to all, Cool Culture Family Pass not necessary

Saturday, October 8

LET'S GO TRAINS 12-3pm

Enjoy a free drop-in family event. Learn about the history of trains, enjoy storytime and a special craft!

[KING MANOR MUSEUM](#), Queens. ALL AGES FREE

Saturday, October 15

BEASTS! 1-2pm

Join us as we hunt for beasts lurking in The Cloisters! Learn the legends that were told about these wild animals in the Middle Ages. Make your own pet beast to take home.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART](#), Manhattan. AGES 4-12 FP

Family Affair

Saturday, October 15

FAMILY AFFAIR: INNER AND OUTER SPACES, 1-4pm

Join in art- and food-making activities related to their exhibition exploring the idea of "spaces" in the Bronx. Family Affair offers an ever-changing program that includes hands-on activities developed in collaboration with teaching artists, performances, guided tours, screenings, and many other surprises.

[BRONX MUSEUM OF THE ARTS](#), Bronx. ALL AGES FREE

Sunday, October 16

FAMILY DROP-IN, 1-4pm

Explore highlights of the permanent collection through creative, interactive projects led by museum educators.

[SOLOMON R. GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM](#), Manhattan. AGES 3-10 FP

Sunday-Tuesday, October 16, 17, 18

LUMINOUS MOBILES - STAINED GLASS COLLAGE, 1-4pm

Design a luminous wall hanging for a sukkah or your room using colorful cellophane and fun translucent materials. Have fun creating a great keepsake to take home.

[THE JEWISH MUSEUM](#), Manhattan. AGES 3-7 FREE

Friday, October 21

JACK-O-LANTERN STORYTIME, 10:30am

Get ready for Halloween with our monthly story time. Listen to stories about pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns, and visit the museum's kitchen to see the pie-making display. Afterward, make a jack-o-lantern ball & cup toy to take home. If you can't make it, come anytime in October to make a complimentary Halloween luminary to take home!

[MOUNT VERNON HOTEL MUSEUM AND GARDEN](#), Manhattan. AGES 0-6 FP

Saturday, October 22

Halloween Party, 11am -2pm

Have a howling good time while children have fun with hands-on activities like making "slime" and decorating trick-or-treat bags. Free treats galore!

[NEW YORK CITY POLICE MUSEUM](#), Manhattan. AGES 3-12 FP

Sunday, October 23

FAIRY WANDS AND TINY HOUSES, 10am- 1pm

Come together to hear from guest storyteller, Rama Mandel. With the inspiration from Wave Hill's woodland fairytales, create wands and a magical dwelling with natural elements.

[WAVE HILL](#), Bronx. ALL AGES FREE

Saturday, October 29

DIAS DE LOS MUERTOS. 12-5pm

Enjoy a fun filled day for the entire family including hands-on workshops and dance performances by Cetiliztli Nauhcampa.

[NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN](#), Manhattan. ALL AGES FREE

Saturday, October 29

WONDERWEEN, 10am-4pm

Catch a monstrous movie, make creepy crafts, and go home with ghoulish goodies! Screenings include Elmo Says Boo, Dora the Explorer, and Go, Diego, Go! Available on a first come first served basis.

[SONY WONDER TECHNOLOGY LAB](#), Manhattan. FREE

Sunday, October 30

SHADOW PUPPET STORIES, 1:30pm

Transport your imagination by creating silhouette puppets and a nighttime city landscape to animate your own travel tale.

[NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM](#), Brooklyn. AGES 4+ Free

LOOKING AHEAD TO NOVEMBER EVENTS

Continue planning fun fall adventures!

Saturday & Sunday, November 5-6

CRAFTS AND TASKS FROM THE PAST, 2:30-3:30pm

Bring history to life! Using your hands and your skills, make arts and crafts the old-fashioned way and play games that were popular 150 years ago.

[LEFFERTS HISTORIC HOUSE](#), Brooklyn. ALL AGES FP

Saturday, November 12

HONEY BEE SHADOW PUPPETS, 10:00am- 1:00pm

Come together to hear from guest storyteller, Rama Mandel. With the inspiration from Wave Hill's woodland fairytales, create wands and a magical dwelling with natural elements.

[WAVE HILL](#), Bronx. ALL AGES FREE

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Family fun anytime, all the time!

Ongoing throughout the year, visit www.metmuseum.org for dates and times

START WITH ART AT THE MET

Sketch, explore, listen to stories, and discover the meaning of art! Meet at Carson Family Hall, Uris Center for Education, ground floor.

[THE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM OF ART](#), Manhattan. AGES 3-7 FP

Every Sunday

FREE DROP-IN ART WORKSHOPS, 1:30-4:30pm

Come for fun activities that will get you talking about the art on view! These programs are accessible to all families, including those whose children have special needs and those for whom English is a new language.

[QUEENS MUSEUM OF ART](#), Queens. AGES 5-12 FREE

Every third Saturday of the Month,

SUPER SABADO! 11am - 8:30pm

Open the door to the vibrancy and diversity of Latino Culture. Drop-in for free concerts, gallery tours, art-making workshops and more!

[EL MUSEO DEL BARRIO](#), Manhattan. ALL AGES FREE

Every Sunday

TARGET FREE SUNDAYS, 12-4pm

Come for free programs and events ranging from family workshops to theater performances. You can explore how art and visual communication can ignite the imagination, engage the mind and reflect our human experience - past, present and future!

[THE STUDIO MUSEUM IN HARLEM](#), Manhattan. ALL AGES FREE

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