

Cure Kid's Weekday Blahs: Hands-On Fun With History

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — The Hershey Museum will be hosting a full set of historical make-and-take hands-on activities in the Museum this summer, Mondays through Fridays from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. beginning June 26-Aug. 18.

All activities are assisted by the Museum's youth volunteer PastMasters, and are included

with Museum admission.

Kids will experience a variety of fun activities that change daily. In olden days, children often made things for themselves or their families that served a function.

Young visitors will be led by volunteer Past Masters in rope making or candle dipping, and can try their hand at the loom.

Leisure time in the past provided children with opportunities to make their own toys using wood and found objects, such as the wooden toys of colonial times, or the shuttlecocks of the Native Americans.

And let's not forget about chocolate...try working the small running assembly line, and taste varieties of chocolate and learn

why they are different. Even more special activities are planned, surprising young visitors all summer long. The Museum's Discovery Room will be open for more hands-on fun.

Activities are designed for children ages 5 and up. PastMasters will teach each craft, one-on-one, and kids can take them home.

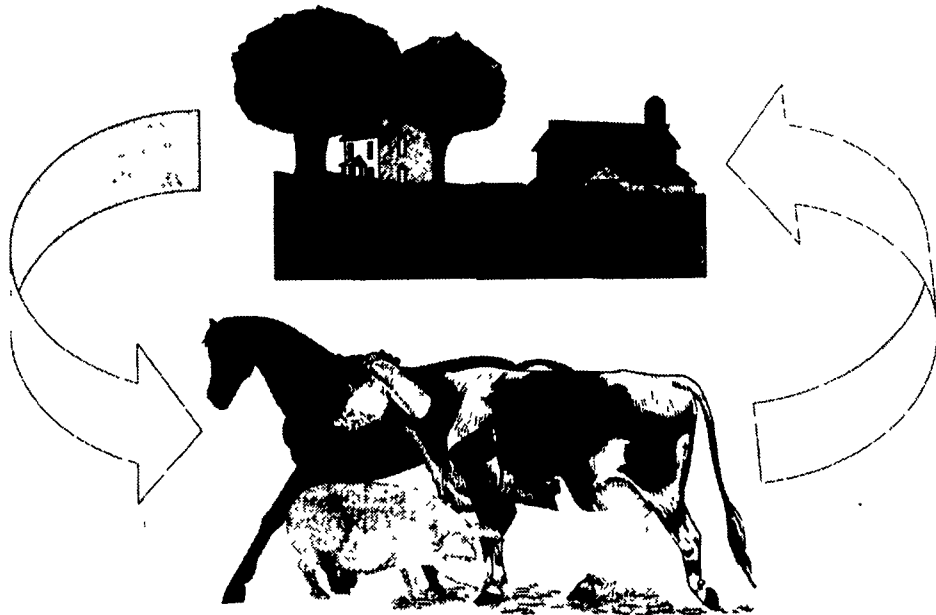
Hershey Museum is open daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m., through Memorial Day, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$5.50 for seniors 62+, \$3 for youths 3-15, and children under three are free.

For more information, call (717) 534-3439, or visit the web site at www.hersheymuseum.org

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A reference guide for farmers and nutrient management planners on the new revised regulations as authorized by the Pennsylvania Conservation Commission in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Penn State University, county cooperative extension, and county soil conservation districts.

This 80+ page, 8 1/2 x 11-inch book will include introduction of recent changes in the nutrient management laws, a checklist to develop a Nutrient Management Plan, and descriptions of CAFOs and AFOs along with help to determine your farm's status. In addition, a list of the county conservation districts and commercial nutrient management specialists will be given with contact resources.

Not only will this guide be inserted into the Aug. 19, 2000 issue of Lancaster Farming, the books will be made available at Empire Days, Ag Progress Days, All American Dairy Show, Keystone International Livestock Exposition, Keystone Farm Show 2001 and Pennsylvania Farm Show 2001.

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Keep It Clean Briefs

When vacuuming in damp or moist areas, such as kitchens, bathrooms or basements, change the filter bag frequently. Bacteria or molds that collect in the filter bag will multiply in moist conditions.

Clean up spills from raw meat juices and raw eggs with disposable paper towels to avoid contaminating kitchen towels, dishcloths and sponges.

Wash kitchen towels, dishcloths, and sponges frequently in hot water and liquid household (chlorine) bleach (if safe for the fabric). The bleach will disinfect them and help remove odors. Only chlorine bleach disinfects (kills germs); color-safe bleaches and detergents with bleach do not disinfect.

Child Costs

USDA released a new report finding that a family with a child born in 1999 can expect to spend about \$160,140 (\$237,000 when adjusted for inflation) for food, shelter, and other necessities to raise that child over the next seventeen years.

The yearly estimate for middle-income, two-parent families ranges from \$8,450 to \$9,530, depending on the age of the child.

Housing costs are the single largest expenditure on a child, averaging 33 percent of the total cost. Food was the second largest expense, averaging 18 percent of the total.

Geographic variations also affect the cost, with the urban west being the highest cost area, followed by the urban northeast and urban south. The urban midwest and rural areas have the lowest child-rearing expenses.