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Brooklyn Children's Museum Honors Month of the Military Child with Free Admission for Military Families in April

April's programming lineup includes engaging events like Eid al-Fitr and Earth Day celebrations



A family takes part in an insect discovery program at BCM during 2024's spring break Earth Rocks! festival. Photo credit Winston Williams.

(Brooklyn, NY)— This April, <u>Brooklyn Children's Museum</u> (BCM) honors the **Month of the Military Child** by offering free admission to all military families through a special partnership with <u>Blue Star Families</u>. Throughout the month, military families can enjoy complimentary access to the Museum's interactive

exhibits and engaging programs designed to support children's social, emotional, and physical development.

In addition to general admission to BCM's award-winning exhibits, military families can enjoy all special events and daily programs taking place this month:

- <u>Celebrate Fid Around the World</u> (April 5): Experience how cultures around the world mark the
 end of Ramadan and celebrate Eid al-Fitr! Enjoy vibrant Bangladeshi dance performances,
 interactive drumming inspired by Sufi traditions, engaging storytelling that brings the holiday to
 life, and more.
- Earth Rocks! Spring Break Festival (April 13–19): Celebrate our amazing planet during the DOE Spring Recess with Earth Rocks! a week of hands-on exploration and discovery. Each day features exciting activities like meeting live tarantulas, building food-powered batteries, potting your own gardens, and turning recycled materials into art. Additional highlights include special animal encounters, yoga programs, healthy eating workshops, and more.

• All Month in BCM's ColorLab Art Studio

This month in ColorLab, families can explore sculptural storytelling inspired by artist Beverly Buchanan, who creates small house sculptures and environmental art that tell stories about home, history, and the land around us. Visitors can create an Earth Home sculpture using clay, sticks, rocks, and other natural materials.

• All Month in BCM's Nature's Engineers STEM MakerSpace

This month in Nature's Engineers, children will learn about batteries, circuits, and producing electricity from everyday foods. Families can build their own food-powered battery and discover the amazing science of electrochemistry.

"We're proud to partner with Blue Star Families this April to honor the Month of the Military Child," said Atiba T. Edwards, President and CEO of Brooklyn Children's Museum. "Resilience is embodied by military and veteran families, especially their incredible children. We're committed to creating a welcoming space where these families can access our engaging exhibits and cultural programs in meaningful ways alongside other families. BCM is honored to play a small part in bringing joy and support to these remarkable kids and their families during this month and year-round."

Military families can show valid ID at admission for free entry for up to 5 members of their family. Learn more about BCM's upcoming programs and purchase tickets at brooklynkids.org.

About Brooklyn Children's Museum

Inspired by the energy and diversity of our borough, Brooklyn Children's Museum creates experiences that ignite curiosity, celebrate identity and cultivate joyful learning. Founded in 1899 as the world's first children's museum, Brooklyn Children's Museum (BCM) is New York City's largest cultural institution

designed especially for families. Proudly based in Crown Heights, Brooklyn, BCM serves 300,000 children and caregivers annually with exhibits and programs grounded in visual arts, music and performance, natural science, and world cultures. For more information, visit brooklynkids.org.

About Blue Star Families

Blue Star Families was founded in 2009 by military spouses to support military families through connection, research, and innovative programming. Today, with a network of 350,000 members, the organization serves over 1.5 million military family members each year. Learn more at bluestarfam.org.

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