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# **Children's Museum of Pittsburgh Is Voted #1 Children's Museum in America**

## ***As Chosen by USA Today 10Best Readers' Choice Awards***

PITTSBURGH, PA (February 18, 2025)—Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is proud to announce that it is the number one children's museum in the country as ranked in the 2026 *USA Today* 10Best Readers' Choice Awards.

"We are thrilled to be acknowledged for our innovative, hands-on exhibits and programs as the leading children's museums in the country," said Jane Werner, Executive Director of Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. "This honor is equally shared by our dedicated museum team who provide joyful learning experiences each day and the local children and families who bring these experiences to life."

This is the eighth year that the Children's Museum has been in the top 10 of the *USA Today* 10Best Reader's Choice Awards, landing the #2 spot for the last three years. You can view the list of the 2026 10Best Children's Museums online at <https://10best.usatoday.com/awards/travel/bestchildrens-museum>.

The Museum is proud to share the honor of the *USA Today* 10Best Award with two local museums that were also at the top of their categories: Heinz History Center (#1 for history museums) and the Kamin Science Center (#3 for science centers.) The 10Best Readers' Choice Awards is *USA Today's* flagship award program that highlights the best of the best in attractions, destinations, food and drink. A panel of experts makes nominations in each award category, with the final set of nominees selected via editorial review by *USA Today* 10BEST editors. Then the public is invited to vote online for their favorites over a period of four weeks.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh opened in 1983 and routinely welcomes more than 300,000 visitors a year to the nation's largest cultural campus for children in the country. It offers interactive exhibits and programs, camps and events in its two historic buildings, as well as neighboring MuseumLab where kids 9+ can have cutting-edge experiences in art, tech and making, and Buhl Community Park.

At the Museum's latest exhibit, TAPESCAPE, visitors can explore the hills, tunnels and paths of a rolling landscape created out of more than 15 miles – that's 515 rolls - of common packing tape. Visitors can climb, slide and crawl through this art installation from 11:00 am – 4:00 pm every open day through May 10.

The Museum is also excited to present its annual evening celebration of things that illuminate, spark and warm up the winter chill at GLOW on Saturday, February 21. Activities outside and throughout the Museum include an LED obstacle course, giant black-light spin art, bioluminescent Waterplay, dance party, face painting and roasting marshmallows! Learn more at <https://secure.pittsburghkids.org/237/2303>.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh will celebrate its #1 ranking on one of its favorite days, Fred Rogers' birthday on March 20, with free admission all day, treats and special surprises (while supplies last.)

For high res images of the Children's Museum and the *USA Today* 10Best Reader's Choice #1 logo, please visit: <https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1A1Ks6DGUFRRlgTGMg9BIRbFr4z-VPiXX?usp=sharing>

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## **ABOUT CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF PITTSBURGH**

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh provides innovative and inclusive museum experiences that inspire kindness, joy, creativity and curiosity for all learners. We forge connections with artists, community partners and neighbors to work on behalf of children, youth and families. Permanent hands-on, interactive exhibit areas include the Art Studio, Garage, Waterplay, Kindness Gallery, Backyard and MAKESHOP®.

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh is open daily from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and closed on select Wednesdays. Admission is \$21 for adults, \$19 for children 2-18 and senior citizens. Children under two are free. The Museum is located on Pittsburgh's historic North Side at 10 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. For more information, please call (412) 322-5058 or visit the Museum website, [pittsburghkids.org](http://pittsburghkids.org).

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