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MIDWEST COMFORTS
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Food is often about comfort as much as it is about nutrition and many of us have special memories about family recipes.

Whether it’s Grandma’s chocolate cake, Dad’s jambalaya, or Mom’s chicken and noodles there’s always a recipe that’s close to our heart.

“Feast” on family recipes and food nostalgia at Midwest Comforts. Peruse recipes from local cooks and reminisce over forgotten food advertisements and local establishments.

THE TOYBOX: GENERATIONS OF PLAY
ON DISPLAY THROUGH MARCH 30, 2024

“A spring, a spring, a marvelous thing! Everyone knows it’s Slinky!”

Whether you remember the iconic Slinky jingle or have fond memories of playing with Lincoln Logs, Care Bears, He-Man action figures, Playskool toys, or board games like Mall Madness, this exhibit is for you!

Play with jumbo toy replicas, like Lite Brite and Sorry!, watch old commercials, and see countless toys that will send you back to the playroom of your childhood.

UPCOMING EXHIBIT

CEDAR VALLEY DEFENSE MANUFACTURING DURING THE WORLD WARS
OPENs AUGUST 15 | GROUT MUSEUM OF HISTORY & SCIENCE

Did you know that Waterloo’s local John Deere plant worked on tanks during World War II? What about Chamberlain Manufacturing’s production of artillery or Rath Packing Company supplying fighting men and women with meat? During peacetime, manufacturing in the Cedar Valley provided locals with trusted products and services, but what about during the world wars? Visit this new exhibit to learn just that.

Photo Caption: Front of the Rath Packing Company Administration Building, located at the intersection of Sycamore and Elm Streets in Waterloo, Iowa. Built in 1925, it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

NANO MINI EXHIBITION
at the IMAGINARIUM
On Display June 1 - December 11, 2023

Nano is an interactive exhibition that engages family audiences in nanoscale science, engineering, and technology. Hands-on exhibits present the basics of nanoscience and engineering, introduce some real world applications, and explore the societal and ethical implications of this new technology. Nano was created by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Network) with support from the National Science Foundation.
SUMMER CAMPS 2023

REGISTER AT: GMDISTRICT.ORG/CAMPS
PRICES START AT $58

JUNE 3 | AGES 10-12
Robotics Day Camp

JUNE 6-9 | AGES 10-14
Anime Academy Camp | Astounding Art Camp

JUNE 13-16 | AGES 6-9
Fairytales & Folklore Camp | Ye Old Medieval Camp

JUNE 20-23 | AGES 10-14
Fantastic Fashion Camp | Theatre Camp

JUNE 27-30 | AGES 6-9
Mad Science Camp | Creature Camp

JULY 11-14 | AGES 10-14
Spy Camp | Explosions & Oceans Camp

JULY 18-21 | AGES 6-9
Beautiful Botany Camp | Caveman Camp

JULY 25-28 | AGES 6-9
A Pirate’s Camp for Me | Carnival Camp

AUGUST 1-4 | AGES 10-14
Extraterrestrial Terrains Camp | Supervillain Camp

Weekly Extended Care is available, $45 Members/$50 Non-Members, for any child in need of early drop-off, late pick-up and/or noon care. Early drop-off is available beginning at 8 AM and late pick up is available until 5PM. Morning camps run from 9AM-Noon, and afternoon camps run 1-4PM. Children signed up for both AM & PM camps during the same week are required to sign up for Extended Care. Children staying for noon care must bring a sack lunch.

SUMMARY CAMPS & PROGRAMMING

DISCOUNTED ADMISSION OPPORTUNITIES

MUSEUMS FOR ALL
Individuals receiving SNAP benefits may visit the Museum for $2.00 per person, up to four people, with the presentation of a SNAP EBT card as part of the Museums for All program. MFA is an IMLS initiative.

BLUE STAR MUSEUMS
Through Labor Day, those currently serving in the US Military and up to 5 of their family members receive free admission to the Museum District. BSM is a NEA initiative.

HALF PRICE HUMP DAYS
Visit the Grout Museum/Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum, Imaginarium and Norris Corson Family Planetarium for HALF PRICE every Wednesday in August.

FRIENDS OF THE GROUT
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GARDEN TOURS
SATURDAY, JUNE 17 | 12:30-5 PM
COST: $12, 12 & UNDER FREE
PURCHASE TICKETS: GMDISTRICT.ORG/GARDENTOURS2023
Tour beautiful gardens in the Cedar Valley (rain or shine!) This year’s tour includes:
- VGM Farm
  6365 Ripple Road, La Porte City
- Doug Castenson and Dean Petersen
  1636 Partridge Lane, Waterloo
- Peoples Community Garden
  905 Franklin Street, Waterloo
- Joyce Halverson and Lewis Efert
  735 Hall Avenue, Waterloo
- Chris Schwartz
  214 Highland Boulevard, Waterloo
- Gaylord Stauffer
  1803 Sunnyside Drive, Cedar Falls
- Teri and Dan Sheehan
  1018 Royal Drive, Cedar Falls
- UNI Botanical Center Greenhouses
  2601 Missouri Street, Cedar Falls

TOUR OF HOMES
SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 | 1-5 PM
Cost and homes to be announced.
NEW EXPANDED EVENT SPACE NOW AVAILABLE FOR EVENT RENTALS!
The expanded event space is now available to rent at the Grout Museum/Sullivan Brothers Iowa Veterans Museum!

New features include:

MESS HALL
• New, larger capacity: seats 140 people at rounds, 200 people theater or reception style
• (2) 75” monitors, 65” monitor and 55” monitor
• Laser projection and 120” projection screen
• HD Camera to provide live video feed
• Built-in bar

LOBBY
• New, larger capacity: seats 50 people for dinner, 100 people theater or reception style
• 170” video wall
• HD Camera to provide live video feed

The two spaces can now be combined to seat 250 people for dinner and features a comprehensive sound system.

To inquire or to book, contact Teresa Bryant at 319.234.6357 or teresa.bryant@gmdistrict.org