



*Lots of exhibits  
are out there.*

## What makes our exhibits different?

— Kids are in charge!

While the word “museum” suggests a world behind glass, our exhibits invite kids to touch and tinker, build and take apart, climb and clamber, experiment and interpret...they make their own choices. That’s how they learn to make sense of the world.

Most of our exhibits change by the hour—rearranged and remade by small hands.



*We provide*  
**real opportunities**  
**for real kids**  
**to do real things**  
**with real stuff.**

Many of our exhibits highlight extraordinary uses for ordinary things, sparking inventive impulses, even when families return home.



# SKYLINE TOOL BOX

**Best for**  
Ages 4 and up

**Size**  
Minimum of  
500 square feet

**Purchase Price**  
\$35,000  
plus shipping



*Skyline Tool Box* provides a design-it-yourself experience with real hardware, tools and materials that spur visitors to create imaginative, original structures big enough to walk inside.

A wheeled cart allows easy access to an authentic, large-scale building system including pre-drilled wooden struts and braces, hardware and tools, fabric curtain walls, and a variety of props to enhance children's play.

## UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- Real tools and materials allow families to build on a large scale.
- The building system promotes creative problem solving.
- Materials can be combined into a limitless number of unique structures.
- The system of attaching one strut to another is legible and easy to understand.
- Custom-made triangular braces allow visitors to build large, stable structures.
- The materials and structures are easily recognized by and familiar to guests.



*Skyline Tool Box is based on Chicago Children's Museum's award-winning exhibit, Skyline, funded by the National Science Foundation.*



# FORTS TO GO

## Best for

Children of all ages and their caregivers

## Size

**Mini** 100-150 sq. ft.  
**Town** 400-500 sq. ft.  
**City** 800-1000 sq. ft.

## Purchase Price

\$16,000 plus shipping  
\$27,000 plus shipping  
\$43,000 plus shipping



*Forts To Go* invites visitors to imagine, construct and play within their own special places, creating a world beyond what others can see, do or build.

## UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- The system meets the needs of visitors who want to build, as well as visitors who prefer to “dwell.” A structure can be assembled quickly to allow more time for pretend play, while some visitors may prefer to spend more time creating an elaborate construction.
- Exhibit materials and structures are intentionally easily recognized and familiar to guests.
- By using materials many visitors have at home, the exhibit taps into caregiver memories and encourages fort-building beyond the museum visit.
- Common materials are presented in a very uncommon way. Using familiar objects in a way that is very surprising, unexpected and a touch whimsical allows plenty of room for the child’s imagination.



# TIRE MOUNTAIN

**Best for**  
Ages 2 and up

**Size**  
Minimum of  
800 square feet

**Purchase Price**  
\$26,000 plus  
fall protection  
and shipping



*Tire Mountain's* funky, asymmetrical design invites both novice and experienced climbers to stretch, climb, conquer, problem-solve and take safe risks. Ropes, tiers, nooks and crannies facilitate imaginative adventures through dramatic play and movement. By purchasing *Tire Mountain*, you're not just talking about health and wellness; you're inviting visitors to work up a sweat.

## UNIQUE CHARACTERISTICS

- The structure is intuitive and readable so climbers can assess various risk levels and determine next steps.
- The open-ended design offers multiple ways to climb up, down, over, under, around, and through.
- Multiple levels, nooks and crannies provide spots to inhabit, perch or rest.
- It is accessible on all sides (over, around, and through).
- The highest point is in the center (no "drop off" points).
- Rappelling ropes offer greater challenge.
- A bell at the summit is intrinsically motivating and encourages climbers to keep going.
- Sections are designed for visitors who use a wheel chair to lift and transfer.



# SENSORY PLAY

These small interactives can bring new life to an existing exhibit or add activity to an under-utilized space. Like all of our exhibits, these have been tried and tested by our visitors and staff. We've invested the time in development, design and prototyping; now all you need to do is install and let your visitors enjoy!

## CLAY HEAD TABLE

<b>Best for</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>
Children of all ages and their caregivers	Length: 8' Width: 2'6" Height: 4'	\$7,000 plus shipping

Clay presents endless opportunities for exploration and learning. It builds self-confidence by responding to the child's will; it's impossible to make mistakes with clay! This interactive encourages self-expression and is a wonderful way to incorporate clay in an unstaffed setting.



## SAND AND LIGHT TABLE

<b>Best for</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>
Toddlers	Length: 4'6" Width: 3'3" Height: 1'5"	\$8,000 plus shipping

Our sand table offers a deeper sensory experience, with an illuminated design hidden under the sand. Toddlers will delight in uncovering the surprise while digging, pouring, raking and more.



## TINKERING DOOR

<b>Best for</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>
Infants and toddlers	Length: 6'8" Width: 3'	\$5,000 plus shipping



A simple door becomes a captivating interactive to experiment with the sounds and feels of authentic hardware. Try out a level, knock the knocker, close the latch or ring the bell. This is a great way to add an activity for infants and toddlers to a maker space or construction experience.

## What you get with every experience

When you purchase an exhibit from Chicago Children's Museum, you also receive operating plans, marketing samples, bibliographies and with *Skyline Tool Box*, lesson plans for group workshops.

You also have access to the staff that developed, designed and maintained the exhibit at Chicago Children's Museum.

We've done the hard part—we researched it, developed it, tested it, and worked out the kinks. Now you can offer these experiences to your visitors.

In a world where so many experiences are packaged and pre-engineered, authenticity is the hallmark of everything we do.

Experts on our staff—in education, design and child development—create original exhibits and programs for our audience.

It takes us a year to design an exhibit that a child understands in a second—and can play in for hours, and revisit for years.

C'mon.

*Let's play.*



# DESIGN CONSULTING

The education, exhibit and design professionals at Chicago Children's Museum are available to consult on your exhibit or project. We have expertise in:

- Designing environments for play and learning
- Child development
- Educational programs for children and adults
- Professional development for educators and parents
- Visual and performing arts programming
- First-person cultural programming
- Supporting family learning
- Effective community partnerships



Please contact us to discuss your needs and ideas; we want to help support play and learning in your community.



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