LOWELL KIDS WEEK 2017

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Lowell Kids Week is a partnership between many community organizations in Lowell, providing free, unique activities for kids and families during school vacations.

Lowell Kids Week is presented by:
Lowell National Historical Park
Lowell Recreation Department
Angkor Dance Troupe
Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association
Christ Church United in Lowell
Coalition for a Better Acre
Council on Aging
Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell
JRI Grip Community Based Services
Judith Bessette, Local Artist
Jumpstart-Children First
Lowell General Hospital
Lowell Humane Society
Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust
Lowell Telecommunications
Massachusetts Audubon
Making Art with Artists
Mill City Grows
Pollard Memorial Library
Stop & Shop, Chelmsford
Tree House at Stop & Shop
Tsongas Industrial History Center
University of Massachusetts Lowell
Umbrella Community Arts Center
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

HELPFUL HINTS:

- We love to host groups at drop-in events when space allows, but please **let us know ahead of time if you're interested in bringing a group of 10 kids or more** to any Kids Week events by emailing the Lowell Kids Week Coordinator at bridget_peregrino@nps.gov.
- All children participating in programs **MUST be accompanied by an adult,** unless otherwise noted.
- Most Lowell Kids Week programs are free of charge, but many have limited space **and require pre-registration**. Please see program listings for details and registration information.
- If you cannot attend an event for which you pre-registered, please call and cancel to make room for others.
- Drop-in programs are first-come, first-served.
- Weather cancellations will be announced online and on WCAP 980 AM.
- Program schedule is subject to change – please regularly check www.lowellkidsweek.org!

Lowell Kids Week

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

9:30AM-10:30AM • CREATE A CITY: CARDBOARD BOXES

Ages 8-14 | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Artist Judith Bessette
Location: LNHP Visitor Center (246 Market St.)
What's your vision of a future city? This workshop will build on your planning and construction skills as you help to build a city made of boxes and recycled materials. Register for a spot to be on the construction team to design a city of the future!

10AM-12PM • LEGO BATMAN MOVIE!

All Ages; under 12 must be accompanied by an adult | Registration required: 978-674-4175
Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department | Location: AMC Loews Methuen 20 (90 Pleasant St.)
Free showing of "LEGO BATMAN MOVIE" at the AMC Loews Methuen! Limit of 4 tickets per group. Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at http://lowellrec.com/info/activities/ to register. Registration begins Tuesday January 31st. Movie may change depending on availability (if there is a change, we will update it on the city website). Limit of 100 participants.

11AM-3PM • LOWELL KIDS WEEK FAMILY FESTIVAL

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
Come meet your neighbors, make art, connect with community resources, and explore something new about your community! The festival will include free admission to the museum exhibits (plus a museum scavenger hunt!), activities and giveaways from community organizations, kid-friendly workshops, and art-making. Participating organizations include Mill City Grows, Lowell Humane Society, Lowell General Hospital, Stop and Shop Supermarket, Tree House, Girl Scouts, Lowell Women and Children (WIC), Lowell National Historical Park, and others!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

10AM-10:45AM • LEGO CLUB

Children in grade 1 or older | No registration required | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library
Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)
Like Legos? Then join us for a morning of building Lego masterpieces! There's no limit to what you can imagine and create!

10AM-12PM • MUSICAL MADNESS

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park and Jumpstart
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
Get LOUD! Make NOISE! Drop by and make your very own bassoons, harmonicas, musical shakers. We will be using everyday objects to create our musical instruments. Come by and join the band!

11AM-12PM • CREATION STATIONS

Ages 17 and under | No registration required | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center
Location: TIHC @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum 4th Floor (115 John St.)
Imagination has no bounds! Try your hand at several different crafts. Make paper come alive, fly a copter, and much much more.

11AM-12:30PM • WINTER SCAVENGER HUNT AT HAWK VALLEY FARM

Ages 5-12 | Registration required: 978-934-0030 | Hosted by Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust
Location: Hawk Valley Farm (Varnum Terrace, Lowell)
Get outside to explore Lowell's oldest farm! Now a conservation property in partnership with the Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust and the Trustees of Reservations, explore Hawk Valley's five acres with a scavenger hunt. Practice your scientific skills as you search for signs of animal life, evidence of farming, and more around this beautiful and historic property- with a hot chocolate treat at the end! Parking to be determined depending on snow. Please register by Monday, February 20.

12PM-3PM • BINGO WITH YOUR GRANDPARENTS

Ages 3-12 and their families | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department
Location: Council on Aging (276 Broadway St.)
Come play Bingo! This is the same event that was previously run by retired LPD Safety Officer, Paul Corcoran. Pizza, drinks, and stuffed animal prizes will be provided. Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at http://lowellrec.com/info/activities/.

1:30PM-3:30PM • CREATE A RIVER

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
Did you know that two mighty rivers run right through the City of Lowell? Come and learn about the rivers and what people can do to help protect our watersheds. Everyone will have a chance to be creative and design a portion of a river art piece.

2PM-3PM • WEAVING WORKSHOP #1

Ages 17 and under | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: TIHC @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum 3rd Floor (115 John St.)
Learn how cloth is designed, patterned, and made in this unique hands-on workshop. Weave your own piece of cloth using hand looms. Learn the difference between warp and weft, and have fun in the process!

2PM-4PM • HOT CHOCOLATE AND A MOVIE

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library
Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)
Come in out of the cold and join us for a movie and hot chocolate. Our movie is a classic intergalactic story in which two longtime enemies with grudges pursue one another.

2PM-5PM • BIRDS: NATURE'S BEAUTIFUL DRONES

Ages 6-13 | Registration required: 978-459-9631 | Hosted by Making Art with Artists
Location: Christ Church United (1 Bartlett St.)
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10AM-12PM • GAME-O-RAMA

Ages 5-16 | No registration required | Hosted by JRI GRIP Community Based Services
Location: JRI GRIP Community Based Services (227 Chelmsford Street, Chelmsford)
Come join the JRI GRIP Community Based Staff for a bunch of game-playing fun. We'll have games for all ages and families. Enjoy classic games like "Sorry" and "Topple" as well as discover new favorites for your family to enjoy. Snacks will be provided!

10AM-11AM • STICK WITH PEOPLE #1

All Ages | Registration recommended: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Umbrella Community Arts Center
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
Make friends (real or imaginary) out of sticks, yarn, and natural materials. Add accessories like wings, hats, or capes – there is no limit to the possibilities these beautiful seeds and found materials offer your growing circle of friends and family.

10:30AM-11:15AM • DRUM CIRCLE PLUS

For special needs children and adults, and their families | Registration required: 978-674-1527
Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library | Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)
Drum Circle Plus is an inter-generational drumming program for special needs children and adults, and their families. This musical morning is led by a licensed Music Therapist from Roman Music Therapy. Call or stop by the Children's Desk to reserve your spots.

11AM-12PM • STICK WITH PEOPLE #2

All Ages | Registration recommended: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Umbrella Arts Community Center
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
Make friends (real or imaginary) out of sticks, yarn, and natural materials. Add accessories like wings, hats, or capes – there is no limit to the possibilities these beautiful seeds and found materials offer your growing circle of friends and family.

11AM-12PM • CUT PAPER ART

All Ages | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center
Location: Art Room @ Mogan Cultural Center (40 French St.)
Did you know some artists only use scissors, paper, and glue to create amazing works of art? Join us as we learn about the art of cut paper, explore an exhibit with original cut paper artwork, and create your own masterpiece! Each family will also receive a free copy of the book Mr. Magnificent's Magical Merrimack Adventure by local cut paper artist Ingrid Hess.

12PM-2PM • GLOW IN THE DARK BOWLING

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Coalition for a Better Acre
Location: 517 Moody St. (1st Floor)
Enjoy some time playing bowling and drinking some hot cocoa. Each family will be making and taking home their own set of pins!

1PM-3PM • CMAA'S FUN & GAMES

Ages 7+ | No registration required | Hosted by Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association
Location: CMAA (465 School St.)
Come play some traditional Khmer games and a few familiar games you may have grown up with.

1:30PM-2:30PM • CUPCAKE WARS

Grades 5th-12th | Registration required: 978-674-1529 | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library
Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)
Let's see what you can create with a cupcake, some frosting and a little imagination. All supplies will be provided.

1:30PM-3:30PM • MILL GIRL DOLLS AND BOARDING HOUSE SCAVENGER HUNT

Ages 7+ | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Art Room @ Mogan Cultural Center (40 French St.)
Come and learn about some of the first factory workers in Lowell, the Mill Girls! Create your own Mill Girl Doll to take home, learn about what their lives were like, and explore the Boardinghouse Exhibit with a Scavenger Hunt!

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2PM-5PM • BIRDS: NATURE'S BEAUTIFUL DRONES

Ages 6-13 | Registration required: 978-459-9631 | Hosted by Making Art with Artists
Location: Christ Church United (1 Bartlett St.)
You can be an artist at any age! Get inspired with our artists, and make papier mache bird mobiles.

2:30PM-4:30PM • HOT CHOCOLATE AND A MOVIE

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library
Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)
Come in out of the cold and join us for a movie and hot chocolate. The movie tells the story of a fish with a very bad memory. A young fish gets separated from her parents. As she grows up, she attempts to search for them, gradually forgetting them due to her short-term memory loss. Years later she decides to go and search for the parents she lost.

3PM-4PM • SHOOT AROUND WITH ROWDY THE RIVER HAWK

Ages 5-14 | Registration required: 978-788-7224| Hosted by Lowell General Hospital and the University of Massachusetts Lowell | Location: Tsongas Center (300 Arcand Drive)
Lowell General Hospital and the University of Massachusetts Lowell will be partnering to offer children the opportunity to meet Rowdy the River Hawk (mascot for the UMass Lowell River Hawks) and practice shooting hoops on the Tsongas Arena basketball court. This will be a great opportunity for children to partake in a physical activity and expel their energy this February vacation. Participants attending the Shoot Around with Rowdy, will receive a voucher redeemable for one (1) FREE youth ticket and one (1) adult ticket at $3 rate for the River Hawks Men's basketball game that evening at 7pm vs the Wildcats of UNH! Vouchers will be redeemable at the Tsongas Center box office. Vouchers are not valid for parking or restricted areas. We hope you can join us!

3PM-4PM • WEAVING WORKSHOP #3

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10AM-11AM • ZINE MAKING WORKSHOP

Ages 7 and up | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
What's a zine? Zines are cut-and-paste, or hand-drawn, small magazines. In the 1990s, zines were a popular way to create and share art, and in this workshop you'll get to make your own! We'll provide all the materials, and you can create something special! You can draw, write, or make collage pages about something you love, and put them all together to form your very own rad zine!

10AM-12PM • DROP-IN WINTER CRAFT

Ages 5 and up | No registration required | Hosted by Pollard Memorial Library
Location: Pollard Memorial Library (401 Merrimack St.)
Come to the library and make a winter souvenir! Stop by any time between 10AM and 12PM to make your creation. While supplies last.

10AM-11AM • MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE #1

All Ages | Registration recommended: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Umbrella Community Arts Center
Location: Art Room @ Mogan Cultural Center (40 French St.)
Working with natural and recycled materials, make a winter city or park landscape. Recycled nature magazines, wrapping paper, fabrics, egg cartons and bottle caps, and found sticks and seeds can combine to make a layered and textured story of place.

11AM-12PM • MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE #2

All Ages | Registration recommended: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Umbrella Community Arts Center
Location: Art Room @ Mogan Cultural Center (40 French St.)
Working with natural and recycled materials, make a winter city or park landscape. Recycled nature magazines, wrapping paper, fabrics, egg cartons and bottle caps, and found sticks and seeds can combine to make a layered and textured story of place.

12PM-1PM • OLD TYME ART

Ages 17 and under | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: TIHC @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum 4th Floor (115 John St.)
Learn how to write with quill pens and ink while designing your own journal to write in! And if you want to take a break, you can have your silhouette made, just like Francis Cabot Lowell!

12PM-1PM • LEARN TO SALSA

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
Experience the culture of Lowell's Latino American community in music and dance through Salsa Dancing taught by our very own Ranger Victor. No experience needed – wear comfortable clothes and get ready to move!

12:30PM-2:30PM • PRINCESS FOR A DAY!

Ages 5-10 | Registration required: 978-674-4175 | Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department
Location: Reilly School (115 Douglas Road)
Free program for kids ages 5-10 at the Reilly! Parents can drop their child off in the back entrance of the school at 12:30PM for their child to have the royal princess treatment (hair done, makeup done, nails painted). We will also be decorating cupcakes and having a tea party. Participants can wear a "princess dress" if they would like, but not required. The city is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items. Pick up is at 2:30PM. Limit of 20 participants. Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at http://lowellrec.com/info/activities/ to register. Registration begins January 31st.

1PM-2PM • NATIVE ANIMALS OF LOWELL AND THEIR SPECIAL HABITATS ON THE MERRIMACK RIVER WATERSHED

All Ages | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Mass Audubon
Location: Events Center @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
Meet some native animals that live in Lowell and learn all about their fragile but important habitats. Explore some of the challenges facing both the animals and habitats, and find out what we can do to preserve the rich biodiversity of the Merrimack River Watershed!

1:30PM-3:30PM • INVENTOR'S WORKSHOP

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mill Museum (115 John St.)
Put on your inventor's cap and dive into our supply of fun and unusual materials – what will you invent? Drop in between 2PM and 3:30PM to let your imagination run wild, and get an official Kids Week patent when you're done!

2PM-3PM • WEAVING WORKSHOP #4

Ages 17 and under | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: TIHC @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum 3rd Floor (115 John St.)
Learn how cloth is designed, patterned, and made in this unique hands-on workshop. Weave your own piece of cloth using hand looms. Learn the difference between warp and weft, and have fun in the process!

2PM-4PM • CREATE A VIDEO FOR LTC TV

Ages 10-12 | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Lowell Telecommunications Corporation | Location: LTC (246 Market St.)
Learn to film and edit a short video telling about your favorite thing. It will be shown on LTC's Channel 8, YouTube channel, and Facebook page. (Must have parent/guardian's permission to appear in video.)

2PM-5PM • BIRDS: NATURE'S BEAUTIFUL DRONES

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Location: Christ Church United (1 Bartlett St.)
You can be an artist at any age! Get inspired with our artists, and make papier mache bird mobiles.

4PM-5PM • ANGKOR MUSIC PROGRAM

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Angkor Dance Troupe in support by the Lowell Cultural Council | Location: Mogan Cultural Center (40 French St.)
Did you know that in traditional Cambodian performances, a live ensemble accompanies the dancers? Most of the performers are taught music along with dance. The Angkor Dance Troupe is excited to open their first music program to the community to share how music is integrated into all aspects of Cambodian dance. As the heart of the Cambodian Community in Lowell, the Angkor Dance Troupe is nationally recognized as one of the most accomplished and experienced U.S.-based Cambodian traditional arts organizations.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

10AM-12PM • ORIGAMI ANIMALS OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER

Ages 8-12 | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)
Do you like origami? Want to learn how to make animals, plants, and flowers? Then let the folding fun begin! Come learn about the flora and fauna that live along the Merrimack River Watershed by making origami animals and plants with national park rangers.

10AM-11AM • PRODUCE SCAVENGER HUNT AT STOP & SHOP

Ages 8-12 | Registration required: Reserve with Julie at 978-250-4102 (*press 8 for Nutritionist)
Hosted by Stop & Shop Location: Chelmsford Stop & Shop Cafe (299 Chelmsford St., Chelmsford)
Join us for a produce scavenger hunt inside the supermarket. Kids will explore produce items using pictures, clues and hints. We will finish with a new produce tasting, nutritious snack and take home a goody bag!

11AM-2PM • WINTER WONDERLAND PROJECT

Ages 4-12 | No registration required | Hosted by Stop & Shop
Location: Chelmsford Stop & Shop Cafe (299 Chelmsford St., Chelmsford)
Kids will be assisted in creating their own custom winter-themed project to take home and enjoy!

12PM-12:45PM • POKEMON GO QUEST

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted Lowell National Historical Park
Location: LNHP Visitor Center (246 Market St.)
Gotta catch em' all! Join a Pokémon Ranger on a guided walking tour of the City of Lowell as you hunt for Pokémon, battle Gym Leaders and learn some history along the way! This Pokémon Go tour begins at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center and ends at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum. Please bring comfortable walking shoes and device with your Pokémon Go game on it. Children must be accompanied by an adult. When you reach the end your quest, stay at the Boott for some Pokémon crafts!

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1PM-2:30PM • OUT OF THIS WORLD ENGINEERING

Ages 6+ | Registration required: 978-458-6529 x105 | Hosted by Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell
Location: Girls Inc. (220 Worthen St.)
Come have an "Out of this World" experience at Girls Inc.! During this fun S.T.E.A.M. (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) activity, kids and their families will work together to design and build a spacecraft out of everyday materials. The challenge is that their spacecraft must be able to land safely on "the moon!" This program has limited space and is open for both girls and boys ages 6+. The class will be held at Girls Inc. in the newly renovated science lab, "The Explorers Room!"

1PM-3PM • POKEMON CREATIONS

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.) Center
Too cold to go out and catch'em all? Join us for an afternoon of Pokémon crafts! Make bookmarks from your favorite Pokémon characters, capture the sun with your very own Pokémon sun catcher, and even design your very own Pokémon masks!

2PM-3PM • WATER ROOM

Ages 17 and under | Registration required: 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: TIHC @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum 3rd Floor (115 John St.)
Design, build, and operate a canal system just like the Proprietors of Locks and Canals did in Lowell in the early 1800's. All participants will get hands-on canal building experience (no experience required.) Be ready to have a great time and maybe get a little wet!

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

12PM-4PM • WONDERS OF WEAVING CRAFT TIME

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park
Location: LNHP Visitor Center (246 Market St.)
Stop by and try out a variety of weaving crafts. Over, under, in, and out, Park Rangers will teach you how to create some decorations, bookmarks, and pencil holders all using weaving techniques. You won't "be-weave" what you will get to create and take home!