

LOWELL KIDS WEEK 2018

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
Coalition for a Better Acre
Council on Aging
Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts
Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell
Judith Bessette, Local Artist
Lowell Alliance
Lowell General Hospital

Lowell Housing Authority
Lowell Humane Society
Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust
Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Sanctuary
SoarMA
Tsongas Industrial History Center
University of Massachusetts Lowell
Umbrella Community Arts Center
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
YWCA Lowell

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 available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Weather cancellations will be announced online and on WCAP 980 AM.
- Program schedule is subject to change – **please regularly check www.lowellkidsweek.org!**



www.lowellkidsweek.org

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

1PM-4PM · YOUR CITY SATURDAY: GREAT BACKYARD BIRD COUNT

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center (246 Market St.)

Celebrate the Year of the Bird and become a citizen scientist during an afternoon of observing and counting birds. We will be traveling from the Visitor Center to a few locations around Downtown Lowell to see different types of birds and submit them to the National Audubon Society's Great Backyard Bird Count Initiative! We will have binoculars and field guides available. Make sure to dress for the weather and wear some walking shoes. In between excursions, participate in some creative and fun avian crafts that you can take home. Drop in anytime and all are welcome!

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:30AM-10:30AM · BUILDING A CITY

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Artist Judith Bessette

Location: Lowell National Historical Park 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.

10AM-12PM · FREE SHOWING OF "PETER RABBIT"!

All Ages; under 12 must be accompanied by adult | Registration required: Reserve online at

<http://lowellrec.com/info/activities> | Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department

Location: AMC Tyngsboro 12 (440 Middlesex Road, Tyngsboro)

Free showing of "PETER RABBIT" at the AMC Tyngsboro! 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 Wednesday, January 31st. Movie may change depending on availability (if there is a change, we will update it on the city website).

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 activities and giveaways from community organizations, kid-friendly workshops, and art-making. Participating organizations include Lowell Alliance, Lowell Humane Society, Lowell General Hospital, YWCA Lowell, Girl Scouts, Lowell Women and Children (WIC), Lowell Recreation Department, Lowell National Historical Park, and others!

1PM-2PM · BE A TREE: DOG BITE PREVENTION PROGRAM

Ages 10 and under | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell Humane Society

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

The Lowell Humane Society will present a dog bite prevention program for kids and their families during the Lowell Kids Week Family Festival. This presentation will be interactive and no live dogs will be present. Come on by and learn how to interact with these furry friends!

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

10AM-12PM · JUNIOR PARK-ITECTS

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

It's Engineers Week! Join Lowell National Historical Park's very own park architect as you draw and build your own architectural designs inspired by the National Park. Let your imagination run wild as you make your visions come to life using ordinary recycled materials.

12PM-3PM · BINGO WITH YOUR GRANDPARENTS!

Ages 3-12 with their families | Registration required: Reserve online at

<http://lowellrec.com/info/activities> Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department

Location: Council on Aging (276 Broadway St.)

Come play Bingo at the Senior Center! This is the same event that has previously run by Retired Lowell Safety Officer, Paul Corcoran. This event will take place at the Council on Aging from 12-3pm. Pizza, drinks, and prizes will be provided. This event is for kids 3-12 along with their families. Registration begins January 31st. Please call the Recreation Office for more information at 978-674-4175 or visit our website at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities> to register.

12:30PM-1:30PM · CREATION STATIONS

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center

Location: 4th Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Try your hand at several creative crafts! Paint a marble masterpiece; make paper come alive, and much more!

1PM-3PM · PUFFY PAINT WILD 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 using puffy paint.

2PM-2:45PM · WEAVING WORKSHOP #1

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (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!

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10AM-12PM · NATURE CREATURES AND FRIENDS

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Umbrella Community Arts

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Make animals and friends (real or imaginary) out of an assortment of natural materials and fabric scraps. Add accessories like wings, hats, or capes -- no limit to the possibilities these beautiful seeds, sticks and found materials offer!

11AM-12PM · WINTER NATURE SCAVENGER HUNT

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve your spot by contacting emily@lowelllandtrust.org

Hosted by Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust | Location: Hawk Valley Farm (Varnum Terrace)

Get outside and explore Lowell’s oldest farm! Join Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust for a winter nature scavenger hunt. Enjoy the fresh air and new sights as you search Hawk Valley Farm high and low; from birds overhead to mystery tracks left in the snow. Practice your scientific skills as you search for signs of animal life, evidence of farming, and more around this beautiful and historic property. Parking for the event will be at the cul-de-sac on Varnum Terrace.

12PM-1PM · OLD TYME ART

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 4th Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Learn how to write with quill pens and ink while designing your own journal to write in! If you want to take a break, you can have your silhouette made, just like Francis Cabot Lowell!

12:30PM-2:30PM · PRINCESS FOR A DAY!

Ages 5-11 | Registration required: Reserve online at <http://lowellrec.com/info/activities>

Hosted by Lowell Recreation Department | Location: Reilly School (115 Douglas Rd.)

Free program for kids ages 5-11 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 25 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 Wednesday, January 31st.

1PM-3PM · STRESS-LESS STEM

Ages 7-13 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-364-5368 | Hosted by LHA Learning Zone After-School Program | Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Juggling the demands of school and activities in the midst of brisk winter weather? Join us in making Sensory Bottles known for their properties of creating calmness, eliminating anxiety and promoting focus. A quick shake of your Sensory Bottle will settle your whirling thoughts and instill a sense of peace and relaxation. Learn about the Science behind Sensory Bottles and the effects of density and polarity upon your creation. Please contact Michelle L. Dinan, Family Self-Sufficiency Director, at 978-364-5368 to reserve your spot.

1:30PM-4PM · JUNIOR RANGER EXPLORE-ATHON

Ages 5+ | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit (40 French St.)

Junior Rangers at Lowell National Historical Park are storytellers who care for their city. Drop in to the Mill Girls and Immigrants Exhibit any time between 1:30pm and 4 pm to explore the Park with our new Junior Ranger guidebooks and earn your very own Junior Ranger badge!

2PM-3PM · ENGINEER IT!

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Can you design a vehicle to go down a ramp without losing its cargo? See if you can complete the mission, while being creative and having fun!

2:30PM-3:30PM · SUPER SKELETAL SYSTEMS

Ages 8-14 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-458-6529 x105 | Hosted by Girls Inc. Lowell

Location: Girls Inc. Lowell (220 Worthen St.)

Join Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell for a hands-on anatomy and physiology activity in the newly renovated Girls Inc. Explorer’s STEM Lab! Kids will learn all about the human skeletal system- the part of the body that is made up of bones, cartilage, and ligaments. After becoming skeleton system experts, kids will design their own magical, mechanical hand out of everyday materials! This program has limited space and is open to both girls and boys, ages 8-14. Please contact Rachel, Outreach Coordinator, at 978-458-6529 x105 to reserve your spot.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

10AM-10:45AM · WEAVING WORKSHOP #2

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (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!

10AM-12PM · KHMER TRADITIONAL GAMES

Ages 7+ | Registration required: Reserve your spot by contacting sreypov@cmaalowell.org Hosted by Cambodian Mutual Assistance Association | Location: CMAA (465 School St.)

Are you ready to play some fun games? Learn traditional Khmer games- Mancala, Pick up Sticks, Coin Toss, Khmer Duck Duck Goose, and others.

11AM-12PM · ZINE MAKING WORKSHOP

Ages 7+ | 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!

12PM-2PM · WINTER WONDERLAND

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Coalition for a Better Acre Location: 3rd Floor, Coalition for a Better Acre (517 Moody St.)

Coalition for a Better Acre welcomes you to a Winter Wonderland for children of All Ages! Enjoy a hot drink and sweet treats as you make arts and crafts to brighten the winter days.

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1PM-2PM · OWLS IN WINTER

Ages 3+ with their families | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000

Hosted by Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary

Location: 2nd Floor, Events Center @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

This year, 2018, is the Year of the Bird! Celebrate with Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary by meeting two of New England's Owls and learning how they survive winter.

1PM-3PM · MIXED MEDIA COLLAGE

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Umbrella Community Arts

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum

Working with natural and recycled materials, make a winter city or park landscape. Recycled nature magazines, wrapping paper, fabrics, egg cartons, bottle caps, found sticks and seeds can combine to make a layered and textured story of place.

2PM-2:45PM · WEAVING WORKSHOP #3

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (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!

2:30PM-3:30PM · TERRIFIC TERRARIUMS

Ages 6-12 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-458-6529 x105 | Hosted by Girls Inc. Lowell

Location: Girls Inc. Lowell (220 Worthen St.)

Come join Girls Inc. Lowell and create a "Terrific Terrarium!" In this fun S.T.E.A.M (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activity, kids and their families will learn the science behind a self-sustaining terrarium and design their own that they can take home! This program has limited space and is open for both girls and boys ages 6+. Please call Rachel MacGillivray Outreach Coordinator, at 978-458-6529 x105 to reserve your spot.

3PM-4PM · SHOOT AROUND WITH ROWDY

Ages 5-14 | Registration required: Reserve at 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 Center basketball court. This will be a great chance for children to partake in a physical activity and expel their energy this February vacation. Please wear clean sneakers on the court. 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 Women'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!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10AM-12PM · OWL BE THERE!

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 2018 is the Year of the Bird? Join us to celebrate our feathered friends as we make paper cup owls and snowy owl collages.

10AM-12PM · MONKEYING AROUND WITH ANGKOR DANCE TROUPE

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Angkor Dance Troupe

Location: 3rd Floor, Mogan Cultural Center (40 French St.)

Angkor Dance Troupe welcomes you to our first Monkeying Around with Angkor Dance Troupe workshop. Come learn about the history and role of the monkey in Cambodian Classical Dance and make your very own paper monkey mask to take home. For more information please email info@angkordance.org with subject line MONKEYING AROUND.

11AM-12:30PM · FIELD DAY FRENZY

Ages 6-12 | Registration required: Reserve at 978-458-6529 x105 | Hosted by Girls Inc. Lowell

Location: Girls Inc. Lowell (220 Worthen St.)

Join Girls Inc. of Greater Lowell for a fun, indoor Field Day event! Kids and their families will compete in the Field Day Frenzy Games for special prizes. Games will include fun obstacle courses, relay races, sports challenges and more. This is a drop-in event, and a new rotation of games will start every 15 minutes. Field Day Frenzy is open to both boys and girls, ages 6-12. Registration is required. Please call Rachel, Outreach Coordinator, at 978-458-6529 x105 to reserve your spot!

1PM-2:30PM · MUSICAL MADNESS

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Get LOUD! Make NOISE! Drop by and make your very own bassoons, harmonicas, and musical shakers. Use everyday objects to create these musical instruments. Come by and join the band!

2PM-3PM · WATERPOWER WORKSHOP

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve at 978-970-5000 | Hosted by Tsongas Industrial History Center | Location: 3rd Floor, Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Design, build, and operate a canal system just as the Proprietors of Locks and Canals did in Lowell in the early 1800s. All participants will get hands-on canal building experience (no prior experience required). Be ready to have a great time and maybe get a little wet!

3PM-4PM · STORY HOUR

Ages 10 and under | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Counting House @ Boott Cotton Mills Museum (115 John St.)

Celebrate winter with this crafty story hour! After listening to a Dr. Seuss's *The Lorax*, participants will make their own thumbprint bookmarks with snowmen.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

9AM-10:30AM · WILDLIFE TRACKING AT HAWK VALLEY FARM

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve your spot by contacting emily@lowelllandtrust.org

Hosted by Lowell Parks and Conservation Trust | Location: Hawk Valley Farm (Varnum Terrace)

Join us for a winter adventure to follow the tracks of wildlife you might be surprised to find in Lowell. Who's a bounder? How can you tell a dog's tracks from a coyote? What's happening under the snow? And whose scat smells like lavender and fresh fish!? Co-sponsored by Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary. Parking for the event will be at the cul-de-sac on Varnum Terrace.

12PM-1:30PM · MAPLE SUGARING

All Ages | Registration required: Reserve your spot by contacting emily@lowelllandtrust.org

Hosted by Lowell Parks & Conservation Trust | Location: STEM Academy Schoolyard (43 Highland St.)

You can create delicious sugaring products in your own backyard! No special equipment required – just an interest in tapping your trees. This event is offered in partnership with Mass Audubon's Drumlin Farm Wildlife Sanctuary.

1PM-3PM · ENGINEERING CHALLENGES

All Ages | No registration required | Hosted by Lowell National Historical Park

Location: Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center (246 Market St.)

It's Engineers Week! Put on your engineering cap and come take part in building challenges! Define the problem, brainstorm solutions, and test a solution with your team. If the solution doesn't work, re-design and try again! Come prepared to think and be challenged with these family-friendly engineering challenges!