

Explore the science of storms with spring break programs

ASTORIA — To celebrate the opening of its new exhibit, "Science of Storms," the Columbia River Maritime Museum will offer special family spring break programs March 27 to 31.

Spring break family programs are included with paid admission or free with membership.

A 20-minute Weather Lab will be offered in the Ford Room at 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. each day. The Pacific Northwest is famous for its unpredictable weather and wild winter storms. In this learning lab visitors will participate in experiments demonstrating how humidity, air

pressure, and temperature all influence our weather. This program is recommended for ages 7 and older.

Educators will lead demonstrations on the museum's new interactive NOAA Weather Wall in the Science of Storms Gallery. Attendees can explore animated images such as atmospheric storms, climate change and ocean temperature. Educators will explain sometimes complex environmental processes in a way that is simultaneously intuitive and captivating. This program is about 15 minutes long and is recommended for ages 7 and older.

Docents will lead activities will pop-up throughout the week in the museum galleries and great hall. Activities will include: a lighthouse art project, hypothermia experiments, rope making, lighthouse experiments, and oil spill cleanup experiments. Hands-on displays of fur trade items, whale bones and survival equipment will pop-up throughout the week, too. These pop-up programs are about 5 to 20 minutes long and are recommended for ages 2 and older.

The museum is located at 1792 Marine Drive. For more information, call 503-325-2323.



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Robert Scherrer as Charlie Brown, right, looks to Snoopy, played by Matthew Warner, in the musical "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown," which opens Friday, March 24, at the River City Playhouse in Ilwaco, Washington.

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