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Top 5-plus family-friendly events in DFW, March 13 and beyond

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DISCOVERY DAYS: JUNIOR DETECTIVES

Put your mind to work with a day of mystery and science at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in conjunction with “The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes.” Kids can help solve a museumwide mystery, discover spy technology, try chromatography (a method scientists use to separate organic and inorganic compounds so they can be analyzed) and use deductive reasoning to solve a case. There will be experiments, performances and more. This is part of the Discovery Days series, held the second Saturday of each month.

March 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science, 2201 N. Field St., Dallas. Activities are included in the price of admission: \$15 for adults, \$10 for children 2-11, \$12 for children 12-17 and seniors 65 and older, free for children under 2. These tickets sell quickly; reservations are recommended. (“Sherlock Holmes” tickets cost extra; see the website for pricing.) 214-428-5555. perotmuseum.org.

CSI FAMILY DAY 2015

Ever wondered what it’s like to be a crime scene investigator? Well, now you can find out for a day. You’ll look for clues to who set a fire at the circus, who poisoned the ambassador at a state dinner and more. To solve the crimes, you’ll need to identify forged documents, read eyewitness accounts and analyze fingerprints. After solving the crimes, check out The Sixth Floor Museum itself.

March 15 from noon to 5 p.m. at The Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza, 411 Elm St., Dallas. \$5 in addition to general admission, which is \$16 for adults, \$14 for seniors, \$13 for ages 6-18, free for kids 5 and younger. www.jfk.org.

ARTS & LETTERS LIVE: PETER LERANGIS

Best-selling children’s author Peter Lerangis will visit the Dallas Museum of Art to chat with kids about his *Seven Wonders* series. The stories tell the tale of 13-year-old Jack McKinley who, with three other friends, is on a quest to find the cure for a strange genetic ailment. Where are the ingredients located?

You guessed it: at each of the seven wonders of the ancient world. Drop by early for a tour of the museum where kids can see some of the seven wonders Lerangis writes about. Then, hear the author speak. And be sure to take your books to have them signed.

March 15 at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St., Dallas. At 2 p.m. there will be a tour of the museum related to Lerangis’ books. Lerangis will speak at 3. \$15, \$7 for students. dma.org/all.

ART BABIES: SPLASH OF COLOR

Brighten your little one's day with a splash of color. This event for children 24 months and younger, with their caregivers, will start with a museum tour that's geared toward wiggly babies. Then, there will be a chance for play time and mingling with other caretakers. The play-time games will be all about the colors of the rainbow, and kids can enjoy the sensory play stations in the art studio.

March 16 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Dallas Museum of Art, 1717 N. Harwood St., Dallas. \$8. dma.org.

LUCK OF THE IRISH TRIATHLON

This triathlon is sure to push you to your limits, and it's a great way to spend the weekend before St. Patrick's Day. The Luck of the Irish Triathlon is open to ages 13 and older. It starts with a 300-meter swim, moves on to a 3.1-mile run and ends with a 9-mile bike loop.

March 15 at 7:30 a.m. at the Lewisville ISD Aquatic Center, 5729 Memorial Drive, The Colony. \$115-\$135. active.com/the-colony-tx/triathlon/races/the-luck-of-the-irish-sprint-triathlon-2015.

SHRINE CIRCUS Catch clowns, animal acts, aerialists and more at Dr Pepper Arena in Frisco. March 25-29. Ticketmaster.

DISNEY ON ICE: FROZEN See a skating show inspired by the adventures of Anna and Elsa. March 25-29 at American Airlines Center, Dallas. Ticketmaster.

BALLOONACY A lonely man is befriended by a red balloon in this wordless production geared toward ages 2 and up, presented by Dallas Children's Theater. April 10-19 at the Rosewood Center for Family Arts, Dallas. dct.org.

DAY OUT WITH THOMAS Take a 25-minute train ride on the Grapevine Vintage Railroad with Thomas the Tank Engine. There'll also be storytelling, videos, and arts and crafts. April 10-19. grapevinetexasusa.com/thomas.

CHUGGINGTON LIVE! Check out a musical based on the TV series about trains. June 13 at Allen Event Center. Ticketmaster.

ONGOING ATTRACTIONS

FORT WORTH HERD Mosey on over to the Fort Worth Stockyards to watch free cattle drives, which take place daily at 11:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. (weather permitting). They're held in front of the Livestock Exchange Building in Fort Worth. fortworth.com/the-herd.

PINSTACK The new 50,000-square-foot venue in Plano features 28 bowling lanes, a ropes course, laser tag, bumper cars, rock-climbing walls, a full-service restaurant and more. pinstackbowl.com.

HOMESTEAD FARMS This Fort Worth attraction offers day camps for kids 2-12 that

let youngsters learn about farm tasks, such as gathering eggs and milking goats. Registration is required. homestead-farms.net.

CHILDREN'S AQUARIUM AT FAIR PARK Exhibit areas include the Freshwater Zone, the Intertidal Zone and Stingray Bay. childrensaquariumatfairpark.com.

DALLAS BLOOMS The annual floral festival at the Dallas Arboretum has a "Deep in the Hearts of Texans" theme. Stroll among the gardens filled with more than half a million spring-blooming bulbs and enjoy Texas-themed attractions. Daily through April 12. dallasarboretum.org.