

Museum School with Greenville Explorers: TCMU partners with World Explorers for full day educational experience

Greenville, SC (Friday, July 17, 2020)—In response to Greenville County Public School’s Return to School Plan, The Children’s Museum of the Upstate announced that full-day classes and after-school care will be available at TCMU for the 2020-2021 school year.

The partnership between TCMU and World Explorers is designed to provide flexible options for eLearning support and engagement within TCMU’s museum spaces, as parents navigate a shifting school schedule of both in-person and virtual learning. The *Museum School with Greenville Explorers* format will provide learning spaces that follow CDC guidelines for health and safety, allowing students to study in small cohorts while having full access to the museum. Fall programming, consisting of both full-day classes (8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) and after-school care (3:00 p.m. to 6 p.m.), will be held at TCMU’s Greenville location starting August 31. Classes will be available for students K4– 5th grade, with additional learning opportunities for middle and high school students.

World Explorers was founded by Pelzer, SC native Kisha Edwards-Gandsy and Keyanna Murrill in 2003 in Brooklyn, NY and has since served over 3,000 families through camps, after-school programs, enrichment classes, and drop-off childcare. The group is specifically recognized for its creative programming and globally inspired curriculum—which will be an active component of TCMU’s *Museum School with Greenville Explorers* model.

Families will have the opportunity to participate in Explorers classes such as Inventor’s Workshop, Artworks, Book Adventures and Global Kitchens. Healthy lunch and snacks will be provided, and children will have exclusive use of the museum exhibition spaces. Specifically, full-day Museum School classes will support and provide guided assistance for Greenville County Public School’s eLearning.

Classes and programs will be available for purchase in bulk, by week or even day to day—to allow for flexibility of changing school schedules based on health guidelines. Registration will open August 3rd at www.explorerkids.us/sc.

As an organization dedicated to creating a community of passionate problem solvers, TCMU is excited to partner with World Explorers—who adhere to a similar mission—in order to facilitate learning experiences. TCMU’s President & CEO, Hillary Spencer, notes, “We quickly recognized that we have the unique opportunity to meet the needs of our community by being able to provide reliable childcare and educational support during this crisis. We look forward to serving the Upstate as a resource center for families with children.”

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About The Children’s Museum of the Upstate

TCMU’s mission is to ignite a community of passionate problem solvers through intentional and inclusive play. As the nation’s first children’s museum to become a Smithsonian Affiliate, there are new and exciting programs developed for every age level to stimulate creativity and stir the imagination. For more information, visit www.tcmupstate.org.

