

Children's Museum of Phoenix Named One of Top Three in U.S.

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In a recent ranking of the "25 Best American Children's Museums," the Early Childhood Education Zone recognized the Children's Museum of Phoenix as one of the top three children's museums in the United States. Points were given to the museums based on the following criteria:

- *Hands-on activities*
- *Food: Are parents able to bring in food? Does the museum have a cafeteria?*
- *Cost and Parking: Can a family of 4 enter for under \$50 (including parking)*
- *Memberships: Cost, benefits, privileged events*
- *Restricted areas for toddlers/preschoolers*
- *Educational options i.e. camps, day classes, family nights*
- *Traveling exhibits: Access, Costs (Additional or included with ticket or membership)*

The Museum focuses on early childhood education and school-readiness, providing over 300 hands-on activities which encourages learning in young children through open-ended, imaginative play. The Museum also offers over 500 educational programs during the year as well as summer, winter and spring break camps. Designed for children birth to 10 years, the mission of the Children's Museum of Phoenix is to engage the minds, muscles and imaginations of children and the grown-ups who care about them.

For a full list of the top 25 children's museums around the country go to <http://www.earlychildhoodeducationzone.com/best-childrens-museums/>.