

What Would Mama Do? Check out new exhibit opening at Discovery Center



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MURFREESBORO – Discovery Center at Murfree Spring will open a brand new exhibit this weekend. Museum members get a preview from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Friday and the exhibit opens to the public at 10 a.m. Saturday.

“Tree Houses: Look Who’s Living in the Trees” is a hands-on exhibit focusing on wildlife associated with trees. Created by the Environmental Exhibit Collaborative at The Sciencenter of Ithaca, N.Y., the exhibit promises to be a crowd favorite.

Activities at the new Discovery Center at Murfree Spring exhibit include walking through an indoor tree house and crossing a wobbly bridge. / Submitted photo

The exhibit focuses on what is living in, around and even underneath trees. “Tree Houses” also includes fun, hands-on ways to explore the important roles that trees play in providing homes for all sorts of wild things, including people.

All five senses of exhibit explorers take them on indoor nature adventures and teach about the ecology of sustainable harvesting of this important natural resource — trees.

Visitors can also learn about the scat (poop) and tracks of woodland animals, their adaptations, the sounds they make, and the signs that they leave behind. It also delves into the many uses of trees and the importance of sustainable forestry.

Activities include walking through an indoor tree house and get to cross a wobbly bridge; learn how a tree becomes a house; see tree houses from around the world; view 3-D images of tiny animals living around trees; hear animal sounds; peer through a simulated crow’s nest; revisit fictional characters who lived in trees; and wander through a kitchen to discover not-so-obvious connections to trees.

“Tree Houses” will be at the Discovery Center through Sept. 7.

Admission is \$6 per person and free for children younger than 2. Members always get in free and family memberships start at just \$75.

The museum is located at 502 S.E. Broad St. in Murfreesboro. For more information, call 615-890-2300 or visit discoverycenteronline.org.

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