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Organization's Mission: To inspire children to learn about our world through exploration, imagination, and experimentation.

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum Opens New Outdoor Art Studio

(Escondido, CA – September 14, 2015) San Diego Children's Discovery Museum (SDCDM) is proud to announce the newest addition to the Museum - The Outdoor Art Studio. It is located in the 7,500 sq. ft. Children's Discovery Garden next to the 6,000 sq. ft. indoor Museum space. The Outdoor Art Studio highlights SDCCDM's art education offerings and aligns with the Museum's mission to inspire children to learn about our world through exploration, imagination and experimentation through science, art and world cultures.

The Outdoor Art Studio will open on September 24, 2015 with a Members Only Sneak Peek event from 5:00-8:00pm. The Members Only event will be free to all SDCCDM members and will feature hands-on art projects in the new Outdoor Art Studio, delicious gelato from EscoGelato, Music + Movement Yoga, storytelling, and live music with Plant Powered Kids, and exclusive members only access to all of the educational hands-on exhibits in the Museum.

The Outdoor Art Studio will host regular art workshops and open-ended art making activities. The Outdoor Art Studio provides a space for children to be creative and explore a variety of art mediums including painting, drawing, sculpting, watercolors, and much more. The space is designed with low tables optimized for young children as well as a hand washing station to clean up after art projects. Workshops are designed by our Arts Educator, Laura Touhey, who holds a California multiple-subject teaching credential, a single-subject credential in Art, and a credential in Early Childhood Education from the American Montessori Society.

With the additional of the new Outdoor Art Studio space, SDCDM is now offering art-based School and Group Workshops that align with the California Visual and Performing Arts standards. Workshops are specifically designed for each grade level (Pre-K through Grade 3). For more information on School and Group Workshops, visit <http://sdcdm.org/school-group-visits>.

For a current listing of the Outdoor Art Studio Workshops, please visit <http://sdcdm.org/calendar>.

ABOUT the San Diego Children's Discovery Museum (SDCDM)

San Diego Children's Discovery Museum's mission is to inspire children to learn about our world through exploration, imagination, and experimentation. The Museum serves local families, school and play groups, and visitors from across southern California and beyond. The new 6,000 square foot facility located at 320 North Broadway, Escondido CA 92025 has an additional 7,500 square-foot outdoor space. The Museum's hands-on educational exhibits focus on science, arts, and world cultures. SDCDM designs and fabricates its own exhibits with new experiences and themes added each month. New exhibit additions can be seen in Water Wise and Base Camp in the Children's Discovery Garden, Kids Global Village, Toddler Tide Pool, Reading Book Nook, Discovery Sailboat, Our Town: Careers & Community, and hands-on science Experimentation Exhibit Area.

SDCDM was founded as a nonprofit organization in 2001 as Escondido Children's Museum, with the focus of learning through play and inspiring children from ages 0-10 to learn about our world through exploration, imagination, and experimentation. The Museum is open Monday through Sunday from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Admission cost is \$6 per person, \$3 for active-duty military and veteran families, grandparents, and children with special needs, and children 12 months and younger are free. Memberships, group discounts, field trips, birthday parties, private events, and summer camps are available. San Diego Children's Discovery Museum is affiliated with the Association of Children's Museums.