

AMERICAN MUSEUM OF MAGIC ANNOUNCES 2012 MARSHALL MAGIC CAMPS

The American Museum of Magic is pleased to offer magic camps for young people in July and again in August. The camps are designed to introduce youths ages 7 to 16 to the wonders of magic. Campers will learn to perform tricks from professional magician John Dudley.

Both camps will teach basic magic tricks and principles as well as introduce campers to some of the great names and traditions in the history of magic. Participants of the camp will receive three days of magic instruction and on the final day will have to opportunity to perform what they learned at the Franke Center for the Arts.

“Last summer’s camps proved to be a tremendous success,” said Abbie Albright, museum board member and coordinator of the camps. “We are building on that success by extending the length of the camps. The camps are twice as long as last year’s camps and our magician-teacher will be offering more tricks than last year. Students who attended last year’s camps will have the opportunity to learn new and more complicated material, as well.”

The camps in Marshall are being funded by a grant from the Cronin Foundation of Marshall. “The funds from the Cronin Foundation are making these camps a reality,” said Albright. “Their support has made all the difference.”

The first camp will be held July 24, 25 and 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Church in Marshall. The final day of the camp, July 27, will run from 9 a.m. to noon and feature a guided tour of the American Museum of Magic provided on the last day.

The second camp, with the same content, will be held August 21 through 23 at Marshall’s Wilder Creek Conservation Club, and the final day, August 24, will be held from 9 a.m. to noon at the American Museum of Magic. Cost of both camps is \$95. Camp fees will include hands-on magic instruction, a bag of trick equipment, a customized t-shirt, a tour of the American Museum of Magic, and snacks.

Information on additional camps in Grand Rapids and other communities will be announced soon.

The American Museum of Magic is open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday in June, July and August, and Thursday through Saturday during the months of April, May, September and October (Adults \$5/Children \$3.50). Tours by appointment can be scheduled by calling (269) 781-7570.

The mission of the American Museum of Magic is to inspire and delight the public with the wonder of magic, as well as to document and celebrate the contributions and resilience of the magician.