

MAGIC MUSEUM ANNOUNCES 2011 SUMMER MAGIC CAMPS

The American Museum of Magic is pleased to offer two magic camps this summer in July and again in August for young people in Marshall. The day camps are designed to introduce youth 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. The final day of each camp will end with a tour of the American Museum of Magic and give campers the opportunity to perform the tricks they have learned.

“The museum is working to expand its reach to young people” says AMM board member Abbie Albright. “A grant from the Marshall Rotary Foundation funded expanded outreach to schools, and the new magic camps are another way of reaching young audiences. It’s a program that we think will keep expanding in the future”.

AMM’s 2011 magic camps are being supported by a generous grant from the WKK Fund of the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. The WKK Fund is a donor advised fund underwritten by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation (WKKF) as part of a grant program to allow WKKF board members to designate grants commensurate with the purposes of the WKKF. Mrs. Dorothy A. Johnson, a Trustee of the WKKF, has requested that this grant be made to support the museum’s Youth Summer Magic Camp.

“Having the support of the William K. Kellogg Foundation made this year’s camps possible,”

says Albright. “Its support through the Grand Haven Community Foundation, allows us to reach out to aspiring young magicians and to evaluate the program.”

The first camp will be held July 26, 27 and 28 from 9 a.m. to Noon at Marshall High School, with a guided tour of the American Museum of Magic provided on the last day. Cost of this camp is \$50. Additional immediate family members are \$45.

The second camp, with the same content, will be held August 23 and 24. The first day will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Marshall’s Wilder Creek Conservation Club, and the second day will be held from 9 a.m. to Noon at the American Museum of Magic. Cost of this camp is \$55. Additional immediate family members are \$50.

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. Lunch will be provided at the August camp only.

The American Museum of Magic is open from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM 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.