

At Miami Children's Museum Explorers Summer Camp, children explore far away lands with new friends from around the world through arts and science.



Children learn about worlds beyond their own, thus opening new doors for their future.

Museum campers explore the world around them through science.



Learning about the world through science will help them better understand the world they live in. We hope it will also spark an interest to explore further.



Through performing arts, children get to practice being on stage and opening up in front of an audience.



Campers work together as a team and built a community of their own within camp.



And, they have lots of fun while doing all this.

An education specialist from the Frost Science taught the children about fossils that can be found in the Galapagos during Ecuador week.





The children got to make their own fossils with the Frost Science education specialists.



As if that weren't enough, campers get to explore their own city by going on a weekly field trip to places they didn't even know existed.



And, they make lots of friends every step of the way.



They get to do things they had never dreamed or thought they would be able to.







Outside contract artists like Brazilian percussionist Nery Arevalo are brought in to introduce children to a variety of instruments to teach children the different sounds each made and talk to the children about rhythm and sound.



Brazilian instruments that children learned about and got to try to play included:

- Surdo – Bass Drum
- Pepinique – Middle Drum
- Caxa – Snare Drum
- Agogo Bells – Double tone bells
- Shakers





Campers benefit from the Museum's in-house actors who direct them in theatrical performances such as this one during the Italian Renaissance week in 2015.





For many of these campers, it is their first experience participating in a live performance. Working as a group creates a wonderful dynamic of teamwork and support.

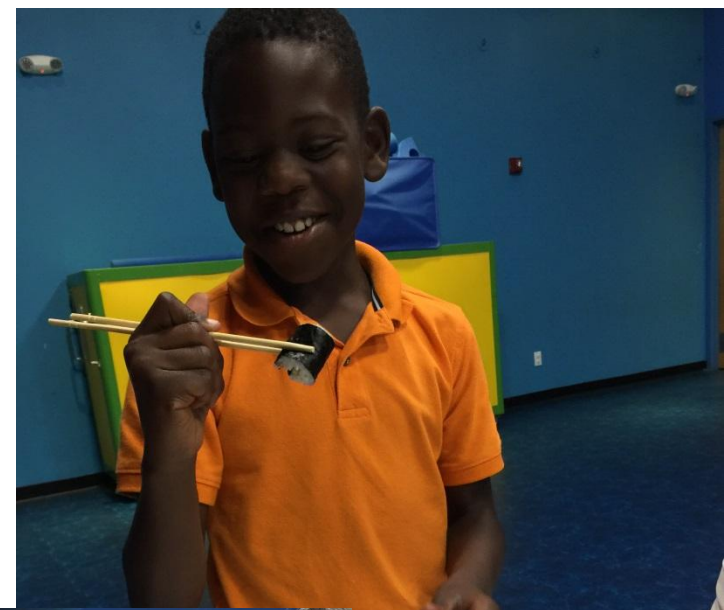




Campers have a variety of theatrical experiences relating to the cultural content of the country that was being explored. They learn choreography or blocking of scenes, songs, even speaking parts. They make costumes or props as part of the arts activities for the week. They get to see how everything in a dramatic production comes together when they perform what they learn in front of a live audience – their parents – at the end of the week.



Children at the Explorers Summer Camp learn about, made and tasted foods from different cultures. For many it is a brand new experience.







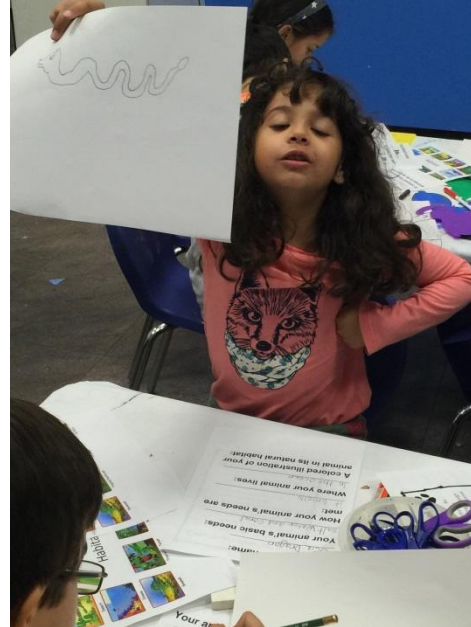
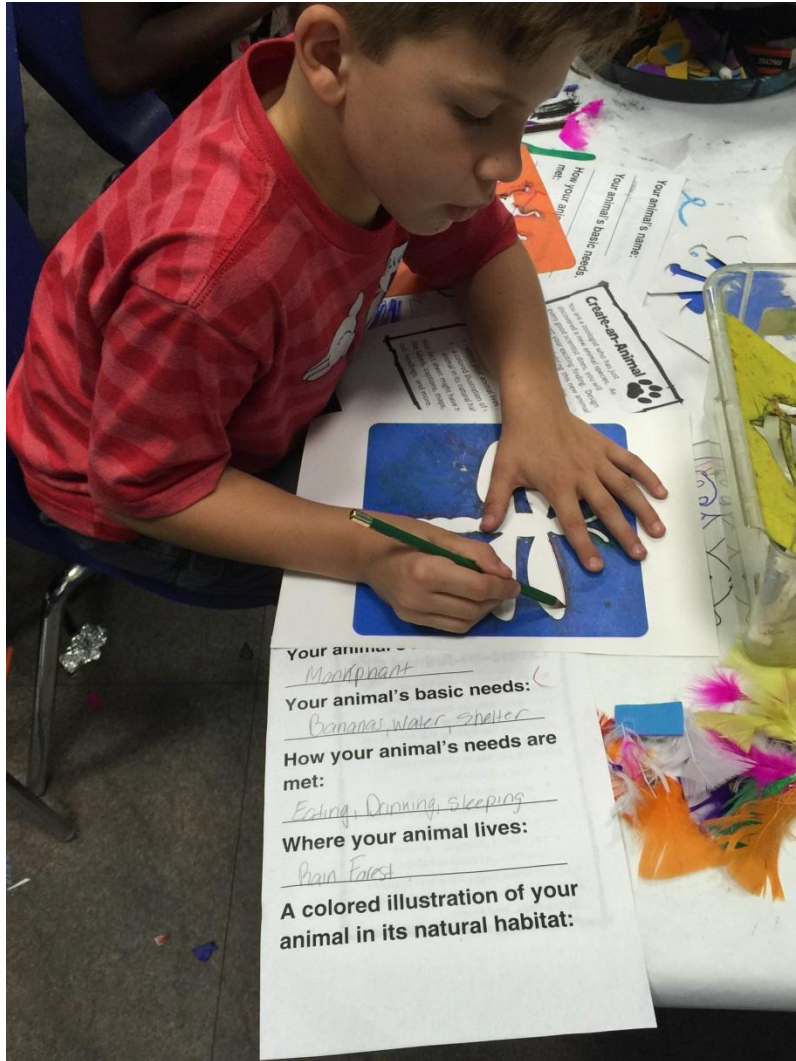




Explorers summer camp provides opportunities for literacy activities.



Arts activities during Ecuador week included learning about and drawing a variety of animals native to the Galapagos .





During an Ecuador week science activity children explored how different beaks allow birds to catch food and survive in their environments. Tools used to represent different beaks included spoons, plastic knives, chopsticks and toothpicks





Field trips provide great, new and bonding experiences for the children.





Children see lots of new things on field trips such as science lessons during a guided field trip to Fairchild Botanic Gardens during Ecuador week.







Campers take a break during their tour of the Deering Estate







