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Henry Morrison Flagler Museum Announces Kids Summer Program Filled with Train-Themed Adventures and Gilded Age Fun

Palm Beach, FL – June 25, 2025 – The Henry Morrison Flagler Museum is excited to announce the launch of its first-ever **Kids Summer Program**, starting **July 1 through August 30, 2025**, in the Museum's historic **Flagler Kenan Pavilion**. The program will take place **Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**, and is designed to engage young minds through creative play, crafts, storytelling, and hands-on learning inspired by Henry Flagler's grand adventures and the golden age of American railroads.

This year's program centers on **train-themed fun** and **Gilded Age exploration**, offering an array of interactive activities designed for children ages 3 – 12.

"We are excited to launch our first kids summer programming and bring history to life in a way that sparks curiosity and imagination," said Jenna Hoogstra, the Museum's new Director of Education. "By combining classic tales, engineering challenges, and hands-on activities, we're inviting kids to explore Henry Flagler's adventurous legacy in a truly memorable way."

Program Highlights Include:

- **Wooden Train Station** – All aboard for tactile fun with an interactive wooden train set perfect for collaborative play.
- **Story Time Every Half-Hour** – Enjoy live read-alouds of beloved train-themed books such as *Steam Train Dream Train*, *How to Train a Train*, *Locomotive*, and more.
- **Bridge Building Workshop** – Young engineers can construct and test their own model bridges using craft supplies, weights, and mini trains—plus, gain inspiration from real-life historical photos of Flagler's iconic Florida bridges for inspiration.
- **Railroad Map Challenge** – Embark on a geography-themed sticker challenge using maps and clues to trace Henry Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway, connecting famous landmarks from St. Augustine to Key West.

- **Architectural Scavenger Hunt: Museum Edition** – Explore the grandeur of Whitehall and the Pavilion through a detective-style hunt for design elements like columns, carvings, rooflines, and repeating shapes in real Gilded Age architecture.
- **Model Train Display** – Discover how railroads shaped America with a detailed model train exhibit sure to fascinate train enthusiasts of all ages.
- **Train Car Matching Game** – Piece together train cars in the right sequence in a fun and educational Velcro puzzle game.
- **Coloring Station** – Create original masterpieces by coloring a dream train or one of Flagler's historic locomotives.

Access to the Kids Summer Program is included with Museum admission, and children receive half-off admission, $7 per child ages 6 – 12, through Saturday, August 30. A Family Membership is $300 per year and includes free admission for two adults and children for one year. Details can be found online here Family - Individual - Educator - Memberships. All activities are self-paced and family-friendly, with Museum staff and volunteers on-site to guide and assist.

For more information, please visit **www.flaglermuseum.us** or call (561) 655-2833.

About Henry Morrison Flagler Museum

When it was completed in 1902, Whitehall, Henry Flagler's Gilded Age estate in Palm Beach, was hailed by the New York Herald as "more wonderful than any palace in Europe, grander and more magnificent than any other private dwelling in the world." Today, Whitehall is a National Historic Landmark and is open to the public as the Flagler Museum, featuring guided tours, changing exhibits, and special programs. The Museum is located at Cocoanut Row and Whitehall Way, Palm Beach.

The Museum is open from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday, and noon until 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is $28 for adults (ages 13+), $14 for Children (ages 6 – 12), and children five and under are free.

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