

## **Upcoming Weekend Events at The Discovery**

**RENO**, **Nev.** (July 17, 2024) – The Discovery's summer lineup continues with the Block Party and Wizardly Weekend. These events offer a range of hands-on activities designed to inspire creativity and fun for visitors of all ages.

## Block Party | Saturday, July 20-Sunday, July 21

Block Party invites builders and creators of all skill levels to participate in a weekend filled with building activities and challenges. The museum will transform into a playground of construction and imagination with various interactive stations. Visitors can explore their creativity at the LEGO® Build Stations, located throughout the museum's atrium, where they can construct cityscapes, fantasy worlds, and vehicles. In the Spark!Lab Smithsonian, attendees can experiment with robotic blocks by assembling Cubelets, each with unique functions, to create dynamic robots. The Open Build: Wood Blocks activity in The Shop provides an opportunity to use real tools and wooden blocks to build anything imaginable, and participants can take their creations home. The Bridge Building Challenge will test engineering skills as visitors design, construct, and test the strength of their bridges. Additionally, the Art Alcove will offer Block Art, where various templates and materials will be available for creating block-themed artwork.

## Wizardly Weekend | Saturday, July 27-Sunday, July 28

The following weekend, The Discovery will host Wizardly Weekend to celebrate Harry Potter's birthday. This event invites both wizards and muggles to engage in a variety of magical, hands-on activities inspired by the beloved book and film series. In The Shop, attendees can craft their own wands using a variety of tools and materials, creating custom wands perfect for spellcasting. Parents are encouraged to assist young wizards in using the tools safely. Over at the Art Alcove, visitors can design a house badge to show their allegiance, whether to Slytherin, Gryffindor, or a house of their own creation. The Spark!Lab Smithsonian will feature Wizard Hat crafting, where participants can design and create their own unique wizardly headwear using an array of materials.

These fun-filled weekends at The Discovery are designed to inspire creativity, curiosity, and a love for hands-on learning. For more information about Block Party and Wizardly Weekend as well as other upcoming events, visit <a href="https://nvdm.org/events">nvdm.org/events</a>.

## **About The Discovery**

The Discovery creates interest and engagement in science for all. Through unique, hands-on programs, exhibitions and events, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum's mission, visit <a href="https://www.nvdm.org">www.nvdm.org</a>.