



Kids' Committee Overview

What is the Kids' Committee?

The Children's Museum of Houston's commitment to youth extends well beyond those who pass through its doors each year. Since our official opening in 1985, the Museum has had a volunteer board of 20-25 children called the Kids' Committee. As expert advisors on kid related topics, the Kids' Committee has been indispensable in helping the Museum keep pace with children's needs. The Kids' Committee also serves as an introduction to community service for the children involved by helping them to develop into strong community supporters.

What does the Kids' Committee do?

- Evaluate existing programs and exhibits.
- Help generate new program and exhibit ideas. The Kids' Committee has been instrumental with the creation of exhibits such as *Kidtropolis*, *Made in Your Mind*, *SECRET*, *Shocks and Jolts*, and *Coding Hangout*.
- Volunteer at special events such as photo shoots, outreach events, and exhibit openings
- Serve as ambassadors by representing the Museum at community events and otherwise promoting the Museum in the community.

What is the time commitment?

Kids' Committee meets on the second Saturday of the month during the school year from 10am-12pm. Only **two** absences are allowed per school year. Members commit to serving on the committee for two years. Kids' Committee members will often be invited to other special events at the Museum, outside these regular commitments.

What are the qualifications to join?

Kids' must be between 8-13 years old and in 3rd - 7th grade for the upcoming school year. The committee looks for creative, enthusiastic kids who will work well on a team.

What is the application process?

Applications are available in **January** for the following school year's committee, through our website (<http://www.cmhouston.org/volunteers>). The application consists of short answers by the child and parent as well as a teacher recommendation. Successful applicants will be asked to come to the Museum for a group interview. Final decisions are made in **May** and those accepted will begin their involvement in the committee the following school year in **September**.

Interested in applying or have additional questions?

Email Educational Events Coordinator Olivia Howell-Wilson (owilson@cmhouston.org). Please include your child's name, age, and grade in the email.