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Champaign County Museums Network Announces Trivia Contest

[January 12, 2020], Champaign, Ill: The Champaign County Museums Network [CCMN, champaigncountymuseums.org] is announcing a trivia contest, The Virtual Visit Challenge, to be held from January 17-February 7, 2021. This family-friendly contest challenges community members to experience local museums, science centers, nature centers, and archives virtually in order to answer trivia questions based on these community resources.

“It’s like a scavenger hunt that uses websites, Facebook pages, and YouTube,” said Pat Cain, Outreach Coordinator for Museum of the Grand Prairie in Mahomet and CCMN President.

There will be two questions about each CCMN member institution—multiple choice, true/false, or fill-in-the-blank—that can be answered by information shared online, Cain said.

“The contest is designed to be easy and fun to do. Individuals, families, or even school classrooms can participate,” said Kim Sheahan Sanford, Assistant Director of Education for Spurlock Museum and organizer of the contest, “and we’ve partnered to put together a prize basket for the winners that has fun items from many of the participating museums and nature centers.”

CCMN member institutions participating in the contest are Anita Purves Nature Center, Champaign County Historical Archives, Champaign County History Museum, Homer Lake Interpretive Center, University of Illinois Distributed Museum, Krannert Art Museum, Museum of the Grand Prairie, University of Illinois Pollinatarium, Sousa Archives and Center for American Music, Spurlock Museum, and Staerkel Planetarium at Parkland College.

The Virtual Visit Challenge trivia contest will begin on January 17 when the first question will appear in Krannert Art Museum’s “Inside Out” article in the News-Gazette. Trivia questions will continue to be released on social media (CCMN Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram @ChampCoMuseums) and the CCMN website until February 7. High-scoring groups and individuals will be announced online no later than February 12, with prize drawings to follow. Prizes include posters, toys, sweets, art supplies, books, and more from each of the participating venues.

Details on the The Virtual Visit Challenge trivia contest and descriptions of prizes can be found on the Champaign County Museums Network website.



About Champaign County Museums Network

The [Champaign County Museums Network \(CCMN\)](#), a registered 501 (c) 3 organization, empowers members by forging connections that encourage best practices among museums and museum professionals and promotes each institution as relevant, engaging, and integral members of our community.

The Network's name expresses its desire to reflect the relationships its museums have built and continue to build with teachers, volunteers, emerging museum professionals, librarians, media representatives, youth leaders, and members of the general public.

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