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Illinois State Museum Celebrates Red, White, and Blue!
The Museum offers free activity kits to help families celebrate the 4th of July.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. – The Illinois State Museum (ISM) announces "Red, White, and Blue Super Saturday" will occur online during the 4th of July weekend, Friday, July 3 to Monday, July 6, 2020.

Join the Illinois State Museum and celebrate the 4th of July holiday by engaging in art and science activities while at home. Families are encouraged to interact with the Museum online to complete red-white-and-blue themed activities and share their experiences.

Additionally, the Museum is making a limited number of red-white-and-blue themed activity kits available to help families participate. Each kit is free and has all the essential supplies needed to create "fireworks" in a jar, design a penny spinner, and make a stars and stripes craft. Families will need to incorporate some additional household items to complete the activities.

If interested in receiving a kit, families are required to reserve them online by Tuesday, June 30. They must pick them up curbside at the ISM's Springfield location on July 1 or 2. To participate and learn more about reserving kits, families should visit the ISM Family Fun website at <http://bit.ly/ismfamilyfun>, or respond "going" to the event on the ISM's [Facebook](#) page. Kits are not necessary to participate. Everyone who completes an activity and shares a photo with the Museum has an opportunity to enter a drawing for a prize from Little Lincoln's Toy Shop in Springfield.

"This event is a great way for families to celebrate the 4th of July weekend. We hope that it provides new ideas for families to spend time together," said Illinois State Museum Interim Director of Education, Elizabeth Bazan.

Bank of Springfield sponsors ISM's online Super Saturday events. They are free and open to the public. Activities are designed for elementary-age children and their families, but most are adaptable to other ages.

About the Illinois State Museum

Established in 1877, the Illinois State Museum is a dynamic institution that inspires the exploration of Illinois' past and present to inform and enrich everyday life and promote stewardship of cultural and natural resources. Headquartered in Springfield with branch facilities in Lewistown and Lockport, ISM is accredited by the American Alliance of Museums and a proud member of the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience. To learn more, visit www.illinoisstatemuseum.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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