



Newsletter



2012 Play Dates

9:30am to 11am
at The Gym
612 23rd Avenue
Greeley, CO 80634

MONDAYS!

Starting the First
Monday in
September after
Labor Day

There is a \$1 suggested
donation for Play Dates.

Leadership

Imagination Station's
current Officers are:

Nova M.
Sariah S.

Our current Leaders are:

Anna J.
Lindsey M.

*All the faces you see
involved in this group
are volunteers and
would LOVE it if you
would volunteer as
well.*

About Us!

Welcome to Imagination Station! We hope you will have a valuable and fun time with your children at both our gym play dates and field trips. We follow a school calendar year. Our gym play dates is every other Monday, starting the first Monday after Labor Day. The Monday's in-between is our field trips. It may be hard to remember which Monday is which, so please refer to the schedule regularly! The schedule can also be found at greeleyimaginationstation.org, on our fliers, backside of this newsletter and weekly reminders will be sent out via e-mail. Summer Park Dates are suggested meeting places and activities. The dates, location and suggested activities can be found on the link below.

Please support Imagination Station and help keep this valuable community resource thriving. We can never have too many volunteers. We know help is needed in October for the Harvest Festival at the gym, and in March/April for the annual Children's Festival. And on-going help is needed for set-up and break down at the play dates. If you feel you can help let any leader know and we will go from there. Please, consider a leadership position. Leadership is open to everyone willing to get involved and help keep this a positive community resource. Let's have a fantastic time! Welcome everyone returning and new!

Playgroup is a place for children to explore their imaginations in a warm, **safe**, and age appropriate social environment. Playgroup is a place to build friendships at a variety of stations filled with fun toys, books, and crafts. Playgroup is a place to play, with mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, auntie, uncle, nana, nanny, or friends. Playgroup is also a place for children to explore, their community through field trips.

Our "Play Dates" are **every other Monday throughout the school year**, starting the first Monday after Labor Day, at **"the gym"**. Stations are set-up throughout the gym to stimulate the imagination of children in every developmental stage. In addition to our Bi-weekly Play Dates we have arranged a variety of **field trips on the alternating Mondays each month**.

Imagination Station is a non-profit, 100% parent volunteer based, parent/child interactive playgroup. We are grateful to have the support and use of the Adventist School Gym for our "play dates" and the financial support of other agencies and businesses throughout Greeley, however; we are **not** affiliated with any political, religious, or ethnic group.

We want to take this opportunity to remind parents of what makes Imagination Station fun, safe, and successful. We are all here to have fun and socialize our kiddos (and ourselves), but need to remember some basic considerations:

❖ If you see a child engaging in a dangerous activity, hurting themselves, or others, PLEASE ask them to stop, notify their guardian, ask them to go to their guardian, or find an Imagination Station volunteer with a blue

apron on to assist you.

NOBODY has fun if a child gets hurt.

- ❖ Please supervise your child while in the craft/art project area. This ensures the materials are well taken care of, and used safely.
- ❖ In the interest of safety and consideration please refrain from attending if your children are sick and possibly contagious.
- ❖ This is a time to be social with other adults as well, but please make sure you keep an eye on your child(ren) at the same time. This is an interactive playgroup so it is expected that you interact with your child(ren).
- ❖ A \$1 per family donation is requested for Play Dates as well as Field Trips, in order to pay for craft supplies, toys, and advertisement/printing. There is a donation pail located at the front table and with a member of leadership at Field Trips. If you would like to offer a larger donation or year donation we can offer you a receipt for tax purposes.
- ❖ We strongly encourage you to put any suggestions in the suggestion box that can improve the playgroup!
- ❖ This is a 5 yr. old and under playgroup! Please make sure any older kids that come understand that it is meant for the younger children and the toys are intended for that age group. Rough play is not allowed as it creates an unsafe environment for all.
- ❖ The field trips, however, are planned for 5 and under but ALL ages are welcome.

Special Thanks to...

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Weld County's Early Childhood Council

They have graciously awarded us a grant for the purchase of new equipment and some marketing expenses. **THANK YOU!**



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They provide a large, clean and happy space!