

Marathon Petroleum Sponsors Discovery Gateway's Water Play Exhibit, Continuing Hands-on Learning and Sustainability Education for Utah Families

Salt Lake City, UT — Oct. 21, 2025 — [Discovery Gateway Children's Museum](#) is pleased to announce a new corporate partnership with [Marathon Petroleum Corporation](#) for its long-standing Water Play Exhibit. This collaboration highlights the museum's continued commitment to immersive, play-based STEM learning and Marathon's dedication to water conservation and the community.

The Water Play Exhibit invites children and families to interact directly with concepts of flow, cause and effect, creative problem-solving, and water cycles, while enjoying a rich sensory experience—turning scientific and lifelong principles into fun, real-world learning. Marathon's support helps ensure a bright future for the exhibit with structural improvements and future updates, providing families with ongoing opportunities to explore science, build social connections, and experience the wonder of water through hands-on play.

"We're grateful for this new partnership with Marathon Petroleum. By combining their leadership in water stewardship with our interactive exhibit, we're helping families connect with the importance of water, science, and hands-on learning through play — now and for the future."

Marathon Petroleum's sustainability initiatives—such as reducing freshwater withdrawal intensity by 18% since 2016 and saving over 600 million gallons of fresh water in 2023, make them an ideal partner for a water-focused educational exhibit. The company's broader community investment in youth education and sustainability also aligns with Discovery Gateway Children's Museum's mission to inspire children of all ages and abilities to imagine, discover, and connect.

Why this matters for Utah families

- The Water Play Exhibit offers experiences seldom available in a classroom or at home, including hands-on experimentation, multi-sensory discovery, and playful engineering of water systems.
- With Marathon's support, the museum can continue to utilize this exhibit as an essential tool for learning, ensuring more families, especially those who may face barriers, have access to high-impact learning in unique ways.
- This partnership emphasizes both fun and future: children engage today, while connecting learning to real-world skills, fostering curiosity, critical thinking, and helping them become important leaders and contributors in our community tomorrow.

To celebrate this exciting new partnership, Discovery Gateway Children's Museum will host a **Water Play Exhibit Sponsorship Celebration on Saturday, October 25th at 12pm**. Families are invited to enjoy hands-on activities, light refreshments, explore the exhibit, and learn more about water science and conservation. Guests will also have the chance to meet representatives from Marathon Petroleum. This event is free with museum admission and promises a memorable day for kids and adults alike.

About Discovery Gateway Children's Museum

Located in the heart of downtown Salt Lake City at 444 West 100 South, Discovery Gateway Children's Museum is a premier destination for hands-on learning and imaginative play. A staple in the community for almost 50 years, it features 60,000 square feet of interactive exhibits designed to spark curiosity and creativity in children of all ages. Additionally, it is Utah's only museum with a dedicated focus on STEM education, offering immersive experiences in science, technology, engineering, and math, alongside exhibits that highlight art, health, and community. Welcoming 177,000 visitors annually, Discovery Gateway Children's Museum is committed to educational experiences that inspire lifelong learning and foster the next generation of innovators and leaders.

About Marathon Petroleum Corporation

Marathon Petroleum Corporation is one of the nation's leading downstream and midstream energy companies. Through a wide range of sustainability and community investment initiatives, Marathon is committed to environmental stewardship, workforce development, and thriving communities. The company's efforts include major reductions in freshwater use and strategic support for youth education and conservation programs.

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