

31 July 2015

Up, up and away for family fun at Cosford

Date: 1-31 August

Time: 11.30am-3.30pm

Summer is officially about to start at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford as the popular month long 'August Activities' returns for families to enjoy during the school break. Each week throughout August will have an exciting activity dedicated to it with the fun continuing into each weekend and even Bank Holiday Monday. There is a fun flying theme each week with everything from building an Airfix model aeroplane to making parachutes and even wooden peg plane magnets, ensuring there is something suitable for children of all ages.

Week 1 – Airfix Make and Take

'Airfix Make and Take' will kick start the August fun as families work together to build and paint an Airfix 1:72 scale Spitfire model to take home. Running from 3-7 August, this drop in make and take session will take place nestled in the heart of the Museum's Hangar 1 next to the giant 1:1 Airfix Spitfire model built by TV presenter James May. Participation costs just £3.00 per person and all materials will be provided including the kit, glue and paint. The Airfix activity is not suitable for children under the age of 8 and some children may require assistance. For families with younger children there is a wooden biplane to assemble and decorate together.

Week 2 – Peg Plane Magnets

From 10-14 August, children will be turning wooden pegs and lollypop sticks into biplane fridge magnets. This new summer activity will get families working together and having fun as they create their personalised plane using all the colours and accessories provided by the Museum to decorate their design. Participants will then get to take their creation home and stick on their fridge as a fitting memento of their visit the Museum. Participation in this activity costs £2.00 per person.

Week 3 – Airfix Make and Take

Youngsters who missed out on week 1 can join us for a second week of model making and have a go at building and painting an Airfix 1:72 scale Spitfire model to take home. The activity will run from 17-21 August and participation costs just £3.00 per person. Plus, an exciting extra this week will be the chance to attend an Airfix Talk, hosted by Simon Owen, Lead Researcher at Hornby Hobbies Ltd. The talk will take place on Wednesday 19 August at 1.30pm and Simon will give an insight into the fascinating world of Airfix. He will explain how they take an iconic aircraft from the Battle of Britain and scale it down to produce perfect replicas for today's modellers. Find out more and book your FREE place at the talk via the Museums website.

Week 4 – Parachutes and Planes

Why not have a go at designing and making your very own 'Parachute and Planes' during our final week of activities. Taking place from 24-28 August, participants will have the chance to make paper planes and test how well they fly. You can use the designs provided or try one of your own designs and see which flies best. Then get creative and have a go making a parachute and personalise its design. Participation costs just £1.00 per person and all the materials will be provided.

1-31 August – Spot the Slang Trail

The First World War brought together service personnel from different countries and backgrounds and slang words were often used to help people describe their experiences. Running all day everyday throughout August, children will be challenged to find all of the hidden slang words, hidden in and around the Museum's new First World War in the Air exhibition. By following the trail, youngsters will discover the meanings behind a selection of First World War slang terms including 'Ace', 'Basket Case' and 'Whizzbang', some of which are still used today. Children taking part in the trail can also enter into a competition to win a prize bundle from the RAF Museum shop worth over £50! To enter the competition all you need to do is hit 'Like' on the Royal Air Force Museum Facebook page and follow the instructions on the back page of your trail sheet. So, if you have any eagle-eyed children in your family and are up for the challenge, pick up your trail from the Admissions Desk on arrival at the Museum. Participation is just £1.00 per person and entry into the competition is free.

There is plenty of fun for families each day throughout August at the RAF Museum Cosford and all materials for the hands-on sessions will be provided by the Museum. Tickets for each of the activities will be available from the Admissions Desk on arrival at the Museum. Prices for each activity vary per week; please check the Museum website for details.

For further information on August Activities please contact the Museum on 01902 376200 or visit www.rafmuseum.org/cosford. The Museum is open daily from 10am – 6pm. Entry to the Museum is FREE.

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