



## Children's Museum of South Dakota Kidoodle Council Application - 2025

CMSD Mission: The Children's Museum of South Dakota sparks imagination and learning for all children and their grown-ups through play, creativity, and discovery.

CMSD Vision: CMSD seeks to transform the world by inspiring generations to love learning and to believe that life is full of possibilities.

Council Mission: The Kidoodle Council strives to improve the experience for all children and their grown-ups at the Children's Museum of South Dakota while promoting the museum to others throughout the community.

### Responsibilities

- Serve as museum ambassadors by promoting the museum throughout the community
- Assist with evaluation of current programs and exhibits
- Generate new ideas for programs and exhibits
- Assist with planning and management of special events
- Engage in giving back to the community

### Qualifications

- **8-13 years old**
- Commit to attend at least 8 of 11 regularly scheduled meetings throughout the year (see back for schedule)
- Commit to participate in 3 volunteer opportunities throughout the year (see back for examples)
- Commit to a one year term (January-December) with a term limit of 2 years for all council members

### Application Process

- Applications for the 2025 Kidoodle Council are **due by November 1, 2024**.
- Applications will be reviewed and applicants will be notified by December 3, 2024.
- Please send completed application to:

Mike Mogard, Director of Operations  
Children's Museum of South Dakota  
521 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Brookings, SD 57006  
(605) 692-6700, ext. 226  
[mmogard@prairieplay.org](mailto:mmogard@prairieplay.org)

**If accommodations for the application process or involvement in this program (including transportation accommodations) are requested, please contact Mike at 605-692-6700 ext. 226 or [mmogard@prairieplay.org](mailto:mmogard@prairieplay.org).**

Please keep this sheet for your records



Members of the Kidoodle Council are expected to attend at least *8 of the 11* **regularly scheduled meetings**, on Tuesdays, from 4-5:30PM at the Children’s Museum. All meetings will be facilitated by at least one museum staff member.

Meeting Times for 2025
*Meetings are scheduled from 4PM-5:30PM
Tuesday, January 14 <sup>th</sup> (Orientation – required)
Tuesday, February 11 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, March 11 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, May 6 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, August 12 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, September 9 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, October 14 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, November 11 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday, December 9 <sup>th</sup> (Celebration)

In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings, members of Kidoodle Council are expected to participate in at least **3 volunteer opportunities** throughout the year. Volunteer opportunities include helping out at special events (under the supervision of a staff member or a parent) or working on a museum project (a Book Review, an Exhibit Review, or other project) at home.

Volunteer Opportunities
*Specific details will be communicated and signed up through a Signup Genius link sent via email
Special Monday openings
Tuesday evenings (open late)
Area parades
Other events
Book Reviews
Exhibit Reviews
Other At-Home projects

**Questions?** Contact Mike at 605-692-6700 ext. 226 or [mmogard@prairieplay.org](mailto:mmogard@prairieplay.org)



# Kidoodle Council Application

Who are you?

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I am: (check your **top 5** that apply)

- |                                   |                                      |                                    |   |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> creative | <input type="checkbox"/> clever      | <input type="checkbox"/> brave     | <input type="checkbox"/> dependable       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> artistic | <input type="checkbox"/> thoughtful  | <input type="checkbox"/> outgoing  | <input type="checkbox"/> helpful          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> smiley   | <input type="checkbox"/> organized   | <input type="checkbox"/> curious   | <input type="checkbox"/> crafty           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> energetic   | <input type="checkbox"/> talkative | <input type="checkbox"/> calm             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> careful  | <input type="checkbox"/> adventurous | <input type="checkbox"/> silly     | <input type="checkbox"/> not-so-organized |

Others: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe yourself by any means (video, essay, artwork) and tell us all of the things that make you a unique and wonderful candidate for Kidoodle Council. *Video submissions are strongly encouraged.* (Use the back of this page, attach works to this application or email them to [mmogard@prairieplay.org](mailto:mmogard@prairieplay.org))



*Why are you applying?*

Why do you want to be a member of the Kidoodle Council?

If you were on the Kidoodle Council, what ideas would you propose to improve the museum?

What are some things you would be curious to learn about related to the museum?

*How do you spend your time?*

What school/community activities are you involved with?

Describe your interests and hobbies.

Tell us about your experiences working as a team.

*The data...*

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Known Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

T-Shirt Size: YS    YM    YL    AS    AM    AL    AXL

How did you hear about this program?

Museum Email Newsletter

Social Media

Museum website

Volunteer Helpline

Flyer

Word of Mouth

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## COUNCIL AGREEMENT FORM

If selected for the Kidoodle Council, I will:

- Attend at least 8 of 11 regularly scheduled meetings
- Participate in at least 3 other volunteer opportunities
- Share with others about the Children's Museum of South Dakota

...and I understand:

- I won't get paid for this
- Photos and videos might be taken that include me and they may be used in print or online
- I can stop at any time if the council is not for me

...and I will do my best to:

- Share my ideas in a respectful way
- Listen thoughtfully to others' ideas
- Be respectful to all members of the council, including the adult leaders

Child's Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I understand the commitment that my child and I are making, and I will help my child follow this agreement. I (we) have received a copy of the Council Agreement form being submitted on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ as a candidate for Kidoodle Council. I (we) have reviewed this application and agreement form including identified responsibilities and expectations and give consent for his/her participation. It is expressly understood and agreed that the Children's Museum of South Dakota and its staff, volunteers, board members, representatives and agents shall not be responsible or legally liable for any losses of personal property or for any bodily injuries, or the results thereof, incurred and suffered by the Kidoodle Council Member in connection with his/her participation in the Kidoodle Council program.

By signing this agreement, I (we) hereby waive any claims associated with this program.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To be completed by a museum representative if applicant is selected for the Kidoodle Council

This agreement is accepted by:

\_\_\_\_\_

Name

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Title

\_\_\_\_\_

Date