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KINGMAN MUSEUM ANNOUNCES NEW PUBLIC HOURS  
Suspending Week-Day Operations to Reorganize

January 27, 2012, Battle Creek, MI. Kingman Museum announced new hours, which will go into effect on February 1, 2012. The local natural history museum, located at 175 Limit Street in Battle Creek, will now be open Saturdays only from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Kingman Museum is implementing the new hours in order to cut costs during the winter months and take advantage of this time to reorganize and reduce its budget, while still maintaining programming.

Board President, Barb Porter, stated, "These extreme measures are being implemented to protect the museum's assets and to keep the collection in Battle Creek, where it belongs." Porter continued, "Losing the staff is heartbreaking, but we see no alternative at this point. The staff is dedicated to the survival of Kingman Museum, so you'll probably continue to see them around the museum but in a different capacity."

CEO, Sara Ann Briggs, stated these new hours will not have an impact on the programs Kingman Museum presents onsite or off, such as group programs, scheduled tours and break camps. School groups and youth organizations are encouraged to call 269-965-5117 x 12 or email [kavery@kingmanmuseum.org](mailto:kavery@kingmanmuseum.org) to schedule any programs or tours Monday through Friday. The new Toddler STEM Program (Science Technology Engineering & Math) with Altrusa, SNAP, and Great start will also continue.

Memberships are still valid and will get members free or reduced admission to over 280 museums throughout the world. Donations are welcomed.

Planetarium shows on Saturday will remain at 1:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m. Shows will start promptly at the times listed.

Kingman Museum will be open for February Free For All on February 4, 2012. Admission is waived if you bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank. Planetarium shows will be \$1. The museum will be open from 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. for this event only. The normal planetarium show times apply.

On Saturday, February 11, at 6 p.m. there will be a preview showing of Kingman's new planetarium show "Lamps of Atlantis." Admission is \$5 per person and includes popcorn and a beverage.

Science Saturday, presenting STEM programs, will continue as scheduled the third Saturday of every month and is included in regular museum admission. This is family programming underwritten by a grant from PNC Financial.

Admission remains the same, \$20 family (up to six), \$7 adult, \$6 seniors/military, and \$5 children. Members receive free admission and adult members pay \$1 to view a planetarium show.

Kingman Museum is a nonprofit organization and is the only natural history museum in south central/southwestern Michigan. Its mission is to provide lifelong learning opportunities in natural history, the universe, and world culture for all ages, for all time. It is located at 175 Limit Street, Battle Creek, Michigan inside Leila Arboretum. Call (269) 965-5117 or visit [www.kingmanmuseum.org](http://www.kingmanmuseum.org) for more information.