

Attention Families with Children!

Get to Know Mensa a Little Better... Register for the Southeast Michigan Mensa Regional Gathering May 4th-6th!

Here are some of the highlights of the great speakers/events that will be featured at the Southeast Michigan Mensa Regional Gathering, May 4th-6th. The bulk of speakers/events of interest to families with children will be featured on Saturday, so a Saturday-only ticket would be a great value!

Bonus: Every family with kids registered will be automatically entered in a drawing to win two free passes to The Henry Ford/Greenfield Village. You need not be present to win.

The Saturday lineup will include...

[Backyard Brains](#) from 10:30-11:30 AM will be performing live neuroscience experiments with their famed SpikerBoxes and the lowly cockroach leg, explaining graduate-level neuroscience techniques in kid-friendly terms in the process!

[Build 'N Break](#) will be running our children's play area from 10 AM all the way till 6 PM! This means, Legos, Legos, Legos; Snap Circuits; Keva Planks; big foam blocks for the little ones; and Toobers for designing DNA helices and protein molecules.

Has your child ever wanted to be in the circus? [Cirque Amongus](#) from 9-10 AM will be introducing kids to the fundamentals of circus arts such as juggling, movement and balancing. This is your kids' chance to try something new they never thought they could do! They get to learn through trial and error and lots of practice!

Have you been considering [the Roeper School](#)? Here's your chance to get up close and personal with a Roeper rep and find out all you ever wanted to know about the Roeper philosophy, the intriguing history of the Roeper School, the world renowned Roeper Review, etc. Roeper will be speaking from 12 – 1 PM.

Have you ever met a dog who can ride a skateboard?!? At [The Evolution of Charlie Darwin](#) you'll meet Charlie and his friendly dog pals, Reggie, Lacey and Kaddi from 6-7 PM! Charlie's trainer Beth explains how she changed a destructive, unruly escape artist into a poster dog for good behavior. She will reveal the secrets of her techniques!

Frank Dolinar of [NanoSteps LLC](#) will be presenting his latest talk on nanotechnology from 4:30-5:30 PM!

John Blinke, editor of the Supplementally column in the American Mensa Bulletin will recount fun, scary adventures on the topics of "Just Fooling Around" and "Science Horror Stories" from 7:30-8:30 PM. The audience will share stories too and there may be an outdoors demo!

Hear the fascinating tale of the saving of the Kirtland Warbler, “the story of how a physician, a dentist, a business executive, an anatomy instructor, a penguin biologist and a notorious murderer all played important roles in preventing the warbler from going extinct” from 1:30-2:30 PM.

Also, get ready for the paper airplane contest, 24-hour game room, Songburst Karaoke competition, ice cream social, pool party!

Best of all, you can meet other families with gifted kids at the Regional Gathering! Families from all over the Detroit Metro area will be coming for the attractions. We will gather in the Build ‘N Break room for socialization and networking throughout the weekend. Feel free to bring food in from Hospitality! We’ll provide puzzles for the older kids and adults there too.

Here’s a full time [grid](#) of attractions. And here are [42 reasons why you should bring your kids to the RG!](#)

To register, fill out this [form](#) and mail in, or feel free to register at the door! Make your hotel reservations separately, if needed. Don’t forget the hotel room discount! If you are a non-Mensa member please come as my guest! Note on your registration form or at the registration desk that you are a guest of Melissa Jenkins. If registering ahead, please email gifted_in_mi@sbcglobal.net also, so that I may compile a list of guests and provide to Mensa. Thank you!!