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**Round Up the Kids it's time to take over The Cowboy this winter!**

*Museum announces its interactive kid-focused winter fun activity dates*

**OKLAHOMA CITY, OK** – No reason for cabin fever this winter; mosey on down to National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum for some good ol' fashion family fun! Each month The Cowboy host Kids Take Over the Cowboy events designed to excite little cowpokes of all ages. Activities will take place from 10 am – Noon the first Saturday of each month.

**January 4, Horsin' Around**

Kids Take Over The Cowboy of 2020 with all things horses! Horses have been a longtime symbol of the American West and fixture in the Western lifestyle. Come celebrate these majestic animals with horse-related crafts, including a horseshoe picture frame, storytelling and a showing of the movie "Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron".

**February 1, Pinch Pots**

Pinch pots are both beautiful and useful. Children will be able to create their versions of pottery inspired by those seen in the Colors of Clay exhibition. They will learn how to construct fun pottery using the "pinching" technique to take a ball of clay and pinching it into a pot of their own. Award - winning Caddo potter Chase Earles will also be on hand to discuss the process of preparing clay and demonstrate various pottery techniques. Other fun activities include: pottery puzzles, creating pottery designs, storytelling and a screening of the claymation film, "Chicken Run".

**March 7, Picturing the Past**

The exhibition Dorothea Lange: Politics of Seeing will inspire youngsters to feel like they have stepped back in time to experience the history and the world through the lens of one of America's greatest photographers.

They will see the effects of many social events in her photographs and personal memorabilia including many Oklahomans, as they struggled through the Great Depression. Stories about Lange's incredible life and vast body of work will be presented at 10:15 am and 11:15 am. Taking what they have seen and learned as inspiration children will create their own 1930s era toy to take home with them including a rag doll and mini soapbox car. Those interested can enter their new mini soapbox cars in a derby down the Museum hallway, sample foods of the era and enjoy a showing of the film "Kit Kitteridge: An American Girl".

Free for members or with Museum admission. Available while supplies last.

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**About the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum**

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City is America's premier institution of Western history, art and culture. Founded in 1955, the Museum collects, preserves and exhibits an internationally renowned collection of Western art and artifacts while sponsoring dynamic educational programs to stimulate interest in the enduring legacy of the American West. For more information, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org).