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**Summer Days at ‘The Cowboy’ are full of  
Education and Inspiration**

*Fight summer boredom with summer camps, events, new exhibitions and a book club at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.*

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – Saddle up for a fun summer for all ages with a full schedule of events and exhibitions at the Cowboy.

“We have something for everyone at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum, and that doesn’t stop over summer break,” said Museum President and CEO Natalie Shirley. “We’re excited to provide our visitors with an opportunity to dive a little bit deeper into the stories of the West this summer with camps, a book club and several new exhibitions.”

Beginning June 29, The Cowboy offers weekly, half-day Western Explorers Summer Camps for children ages 6-10. Half-day camps are from 9 a.m. to noon with before and aftercare available. Camps are \$125 per week and \$100 for members. Before and after care is offered at an additional \$40 per week per child. With a broad scope of topics and a new camp each week, parents are sure to find something to interest all their children this summer.

Adults are invited to join the Museum’s Read the West Book Club this summer and explore the histories of the American West. Read the West Book Club meets July, August and September and refreshments are provided. Club membership is \$9, \$6 for members, books must be purchased separately. Members can purchase select books from the Museum Store at a 15% discount.

Aside from camps, book clubs and events, Museum curators at the Cowboy have several exhibitions planned, starting with *Prix de West*, the nation’s premier Western art exhibition and sale on exhibit from June 7 – August 8. Museum visitors can continue to explore the diversity of the West through “¡Viva Mexico!”, on exhibit July 9 – October 17 and *Find Your North*, on exhibit August 20 – October 17. Visitors can explore the history of tattooing in North America with *Tattoos: Religion, Reality and Regret* on exhibit August 27 – May 8, 2022.

For a complete schedule of events and exhibitions visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org).

## **Western Explores Summer Camp Schedule**

### **Heart for the Arts**

Tuesday, June 29 – Friday, July 2

Young artists will explore the Museum's galleries, create original artworks and showcase their masterpieces in a special exhibition on the last day of camp. Museum educators will inspire your child to look closely, experiment with materials and try new techniques. Register by June 14.

### **Animal Adventures**

Tuesday, July 6 – Friday, July 9

Cougars, eagles, bears and more lurk within the gallery walls. Adventurers will sharpen their eyes and tune their ears as they explore wildlife in art, create animal-themed crafts, identify pelts and tracks and play some wild games. Caution – they are closer than you think! Register by June 15.

### **Full STEAM Ahead**

Tuesday, July 13 – Friday, July 16

Campers stretch their imagination, build skills and explore science, technology, engineering, art and math through this exciting STEAM summer camp. Register by June 22.

### **Into the West**

Tuesday, July 20 – Friday, July 23

Campers spend a day in the life of the people that inhabit the West by playing traditional games, learning to build a shelter in Liichokoshkomo', practicing cowboy skills and more. Register by June 29.

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

Nationally accredited by the American Alliance of Museums (AAM), the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum is located only six miles northeast of downtown Oklahoma City in the Adventure District at the junction of Interstates 44 and 35, the state's exciting Adventure Road corridor. The Museum offers annual memberships beginning at just \$40. For more information, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org). For high-resolution images related to the National Cowboy Museum, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org/media-pics/](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org/media-pics/).

### **About the Rodeo Historical Society**

The National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum's Rodeo Historical Society (RHS) helps preserve and interpret the history of rodeo in the North American West for the education and enrichment of its diverse audiences. RHS membership supports the rodeo programs of the Museum, including the prestigious Rodeo Hall of Fame, an ongoing oral history project and acquisition of collection materials for the American Rodeo Gallery. For more information, visit [nationalcowboymuseum.org](http://nationalcowboymuseum.org).