

# Children's Museum to host baking program

*Rolls will be donated to Meals on Wheels*

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The Edwardsville Children's Museum is teaming up with King Arthur Flour and the Main Street Community Center to host Bake for Good: Kids! from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 22 at the MSCC.

Participants will be baking a double batch of homemade rolls and donating half to the MSCC's Meals on Wheels Program while also preparing homemade pizzas for lunch.

Operations Director of the ECM Abby Schwent said after having several successful cooking programs at the museum, she was eager to add this one to the mix.

"Over the summer, I applied to get a Bake for Good Scholarship from King Arthur Flour and I actually won, which was wonderful. So I went to Vermont for a week and I took an Artisan bread baking class and when I was there, I was talking to them about what we do at the museum. So that's kind of how this partnership came about. They do a program called Bake for Good: Kids! and they haven't done one in this area yet...it's really special because they are sending us all of the ingredients for free and they are sending us everything from papers to bread bags to flours involved and all of that, and then we are going to bake at the Main Street Community Center — they are also partnering with us because we don't have ovens at the museum...they were happy to partner with us," Schwent said.

Children ages 8 and up are eligible to participate. Registration is free and ongoing; however, space is limited to 25 participants. The deadline to register

will be a week prior to the event on Friday, Jan. 20.

Schwent said aside from the kids being able to experiment with their own cooking skills, the program is beneficial in more ways than one.

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"The other piece that goes along with this program that makes this so special is that kids not only learn to bake bread but they also learn about the power of doing good because they bake rolls and they're doing a double batch. So each kid will get half of theirs to take home and then they're going to donate the other half to the Meals on Wheels Program at the Main Street Community Center so it's kind of perfect how that worked out. We're really excited about it," she said. "We have already had a lot of people register for it so I expect it to be full."

Schwent said she hopes the kids can take away not only the skills they are learning for the future, but also know that they can help make a difference in the community.

"I hope that they see that they can make something — I hope they can find a sense of accomplishment from being able to make that recipe and I hope that they see, even though they are little, they can still make a difference and make things better for someone else," she said.

Schwent said the support of King Arthur Flour and the MSCC are vital to this program, and the ECM is very grateful.

"We really appreciate the support of King Arthur Flour and the Main Street Community Center; we couldn't pull it off without them," she said.

Participants can register for the Bake for Good: Kids! program by calling the museum at 618-692-2904, stopping by the museum, or sending them an e-mail at [operations@edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org](mailto:operations@edwardsvillechildrensmuseum.org). For more information, search Bake for Good: Kids! on Facebook.

