



## Children's Festival in The Woodlands set for this weekend

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Despite the possible rain and cooler temps, the show must go on: the 2018 Children's Festival at The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion is the organization's 23rd annual event.

It's set for this Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and is presented by ExxonMobil.

Ashley Gravois, the pavilion's public relations and educational outreach manager, said that they're expecting between 12,000 and 15,000 people to attend. Tickets are \$10.

"This event focuses heavily on our mission of providing educational outreach opportunities to foster new audiences and introduce younger generations to the impact performing arts can have," Gravois said.

To that end, there are to be several performances throughout the weekend with Sesame Street Live being the highlight.

Kids will get to meet and greet characters, partake in science-related activities and enjoy a "Touch a Truck" area complete with an official race car. There is also to be a toddler area for kids four years old and under.

There may also be kite building and parachute races on the lawn, weather permitting, but children will be able to take part in arts and crafts activities regardless.

Certain vendors, like Cecilia and Federico Pena's booth, will be giving free art classes throughout the festival days. They own a Young Rembrandts studio in north Houston, where they teach children to draw by breaking objects down into basic shapes.

This is the second time they're attending the festival. Cecilia said they had an awesome experience last year, with many people coming to take the free class. She said she's excited to return this year.

"People get to see that every kid starts with a white paper, and (when they leave) they've done everything on their paper. It's pretty awesome," Cecilia said.

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