

Spymaker

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

Where: The Children's Museum of Indianapolis, 3000 N. Meridian St.

Tickets: General museum admission. Youth (2-17), \$7.50; adults (18-59), \$12.50; seniors (60 plus), \$11.50. For more information, call (317) 334-3322, or visit www.childrensmuseum.org.

After your backyard barbecue on July 4, head over to the cool confines of The Children's Museum to celebrate some of the most memorable spies in history.

Enter the hands-on Spymaker exhibit prepared to infiltrate the headquarters of "OSTECK," a fictional corporation, and you'll leave the exhibit knowing how to decipher secret codes, incorporate technology in observation, avoid surveillance and complete top-secret missions.

"If you think about celebrating our nation's independence, spies are part of our history and this is just a fun way to learn about the art of spying," said Donna Lolla, spokeswoman for The Children's Museum. "This exhibit has turned out to be a blockbuster. It's not make-believe; it's real."

— T. J. Banes



MICHELLE PEMBERTON / The Star

The Spymaker exhibit at The Children's Museum acquaints visitors with the intricacies of espionage.