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PLAY IN PITTSBURGH!

If you're joining Meaningful Play in person, there are great ways to play in Pittsburgh before, during, and after the conference. Many venues are accessible by public transportation, others will require a car or rideshare service.

OCT 12

Monday, October 12

South Fayette School District Learning Summit

Meaningful Play attendees are invited to register for **Built to Connect: Designing School for the AI Era**. This day-long summit examines what school needs to be now and how AI changes the equation. To enjoy complimentary registration, use the code **FFLS26-CTP** at checkout.

[Conference Registration Link](#)

 This event takes place in McDonald, PA which is about 45 minutes by car from Oakland.

An Evening with Temple Grandin

Join renowned author, professor and speaker Temple Grandin for a special lecture exploring the ways we think, learn, create and solve problems. A very limited number of seats have been reserved for Meaningful Play attendees.

To request registration, please send an email to MeaningfulPlay@andrew.cmu.edu

This event takes place at the [Entertainment Technology Center](#) building located south of Oakland at 700 Technology drive.

 10-15 min
 30-40 min

OCT
13-16

Tuesday, October 13

Pittsburgh Playtest

From **7pm - 10pm** experience Pittsburgh's game design community! [Pittsburgh Playtest](#) is bringing their regular gathering to us this month and will be joining our Games Exhibition. Welcome, friends!

 Rangos Ballroom, [Cohon University Center](#)

Tuesday & Wednesday October 13 & 14

Meaningful Play 2026 Games Exhibition

A key feature of every Meaningful Play is everyone coming together to play the games that have been submitted. From **7pm - 10pm**, join the designers and teams behind this year's games for the chance to vote on your favorite. Light appetizers will be served.

 Rangos Ballroom, [Cohon University Center](#)

Tuesday-Friday October 13-16

Children's Museum of Pittsburgh

Meaningful Play attendees enjoy complimentary admission to the Children's Museum of Pittsburgh. Present your Meaningful Play conference badge at the front admissions counter when you arrive.

The [Children's Museum of Pittsburgh](#) is located on Pittsburgh's North Side.

 20-25 min
 40-50 min

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OCT 16

Friday, October 16**Kamin Science Center****10am - 5pm**

Meaningful Play attendees enjoy complimentary admission to Kamin Science Center on Oct.16. Present your Meaningful Play conference badge at the front admissions counter when you arrive.

[Kamin Science Center](#) is located on Pittsburgh's North Side.

20-25 min



40-50 min

Play Story Fest @ Schell Games**9:30am - 12pm**

A morning salon of facilitated conversations around play, culture and positive social impact.

Only 20 spaces available! [Register here](#)[Schell Games](#) is located near Station Square in Pittsburgh's South Shore neighborhood.

20-25 min



40-50 min

CodeJoy Drop-In**1pm - 4pm**

Coding, Cardboard, and Robots, Oh My! If you were inspired by the CodeJoy keynote during the conference, here's your chance to check out their studio. Expect maker stations, dancing robots, and maybe even (very) mini-golf.

[CodeJoy](#) is located at **345 Cherry Street** in Pittsburgh's West Homestead Neighborhood (zip 15120).

20-25 min



50-60 min

EXPLORE
MORE!

Looking for other ways to enjoy Pittsburgh? These locations are not affiliated with Meaningful Play (so, sadly, no special discounts), but they are some unique - and fun! - Pittsburgh attractions:

[Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#)[Carnegie Museums of Art and Natural History](#)[Schenley Park](#)[The Frick Museum and Gardens](#)[Heinz History Center](#)[Andy Warhol Museum](#)[Point State Park](#)