

A New Direction for Kidspace:

# ARROYO ADVENTURE

Gyroscope worked with Kidspace Children's Museum to renovate and transform their 57,000sf outdoor garden into an exciting, imaginative and **wild play space**.

Arroyo Adventure frames nature play experiences that are **inspired by the local landscape** ranging from a giant hawks nest, flood plains and forts, to whole-heartedly playing in the mud.

To see more of this design visit:  
[www.gyroscopeinc.com](http://www.gyroscopeinc.com)

There are more than 180 species of birds found in the Arroyo Seco, a number of which are hawks. The **Red-tailed hawk** is by far most common in the Arroyo Seco, but 8 others can be found, including on an extremely rare occasion, the Golden Eagle!



Hawk's Nest

Arroyo Adventure

## PROJECT TEAM:

### CONCEPT DEVELOPMENT:

**Gyroscope, Inc.**

- Vergeront Planning
- Eric Nelson (Outdoor Classrooms)
- Van Atta Associates, Inc. (Landscape Design)

*In collaboration with Kidspace*

### SCHEMATIC DESIGN:

**Gyroscope, Inc.**

- Vergeront Planning
- Van Atta Associates, Inc. (Landscape Design)
- Lexington (Build-ability & cost-estimating)

*In collaboration with Kidspace*

### GRAPHIC DESIGN:

**Gyroscope, Inc.**

### FABRICATION:

**Lexington Design & Fabrication**

- MaryLou Iverson (Playground Safety Expert)

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Flood & Erosion Plain

June 29th is **International Mud Day**. An event that aims to connect children around the globe through the earth. It is a call to action to play in mud!

## RESOURCES:

From the Project Team

*“Nature inspired us to use the land in a specific way. We felt we could really work with the Arroyo.”*

Michael Shanklin, CEO  
Kidspace Children's Museum

For links to all the resources below and more: [www.gyroscopeinc.com/natureplay](http://www.gyroscopeinc.com/natureplay)

Jeanne Vergeront's blog:  
**Place-based learning**  
<https://museumnotes.blogspot.com/2013/07/place-matters.html>

Eric Nelson's book:  
**Cultivating Outdoor Classrooms:**  
Designing and Implementing Child-Centered Learning Environments

Susan Van Atta's book:  
The Southern California  
**Native Flower Garden**

Gyroscope's blog:  
**Adventure Playgrounds**  
<http://museums-now.blogspot.com/2011/08/adventure-playgrounds-introduction-part.html>

# LET'S GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT!

At Kidspace Children's Museum

## HOW TO PLAY:

1. Go to the **Arroyo Adventure**
2. Read the rhyme and find the location.
3. Do the activity. Play like a kid again!
4. Take a pic and share it on social media with the following hashtag:

### #ACMWILD

We will feature our favorite pics in our newsletter, and on our Facebook!

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### ARROYO ADVENTURE

#### Key Experiences:

- Hawk's Nest
- Flood & Erosion Plain
- Arroyo Art
- Mud & Clay
- Toddler & Infant Area
- Pepper Tree Music Jam
- Hidden Forts
- Harvest Corner

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When wild with a babe in your arms  
Seek a spot where you're safe from harm  
Sit back in a chair  
Breathe in the fresh air  
For all to connect is the charm



Engineer a fort to impress  
To sit inside, is the real test  
While close to the earth  
Don't conceal your mirth  
Revel in your natural fortress



There once was a kid who liked crud  
Who tipped out her pies with a thud  
With some earth or clay  
Please work the same way  
Now record your best work in mud



Listen for tones on the breeze  
Find the Pepper tree with ease  
Join the group jam  
There's no exam  
Beat out your tune on the keys



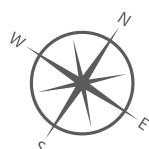
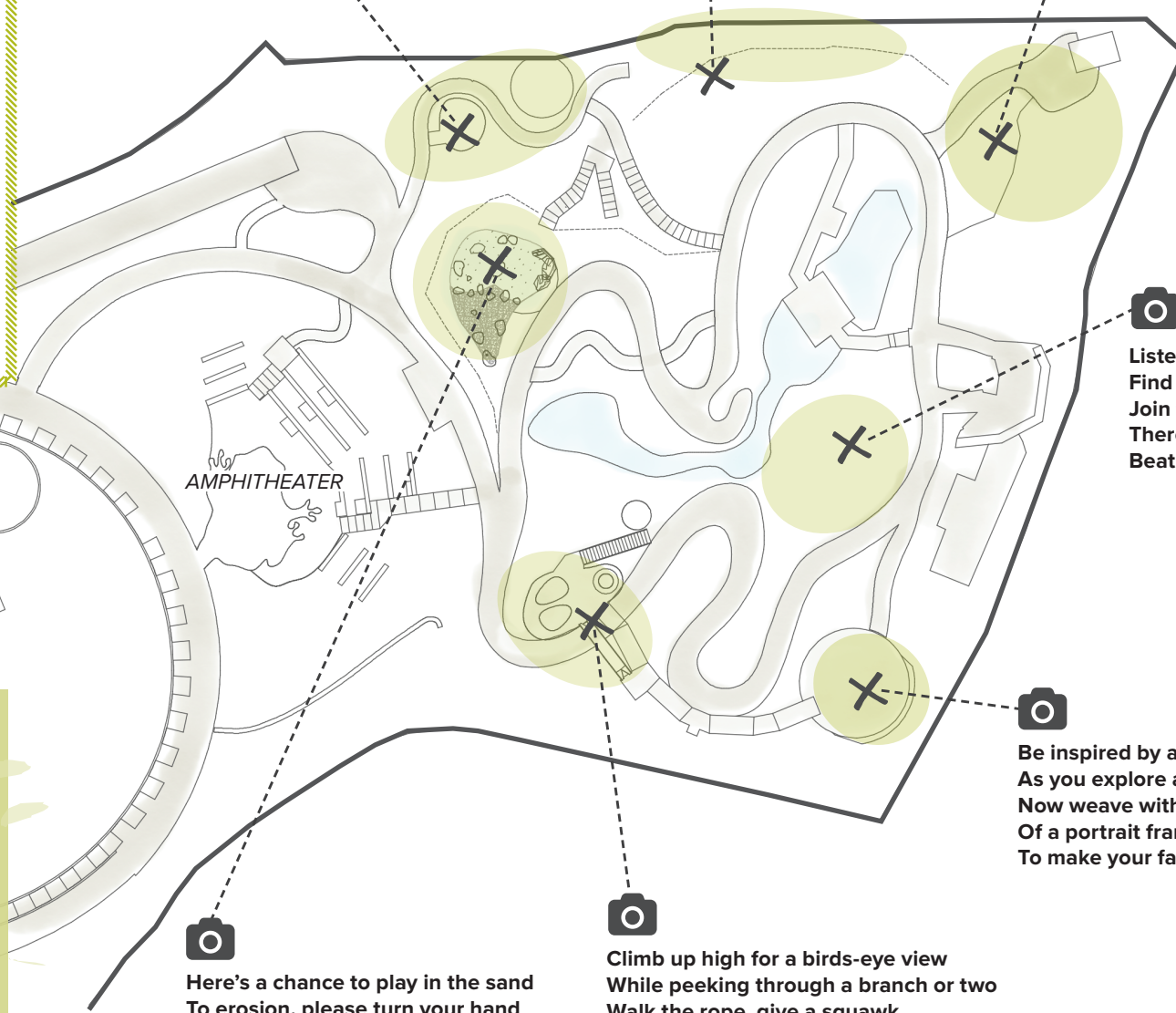
Be inspired by all the seasons  
As you explore all the reasons  
Now weave with the aim  
Of a portrait frame  
To make your face seem pleasin'



Climb up high for a birds-eye view  
While peeking through a branch or two  
Walk the rope, give a squawk  
Play pretend you're a hawk  
Go wild and yelp a woohoo!



Here's a chance to play in the sand  
To erosion, please turn your hand  
Build a dam to code  
Then watch it erode  
And that's the lay of the land



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