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Kayson Schumacher, 2, of Villa Park tries the bucket station in the obstacle course. Families beat the winter blues Feb. 8 at the CabinFever Fun Fest at Courts Plus in Elmhurst.

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Buckets of fun at CabinFever Fun Fest

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New art museum exhibit offers opportunity to interact with art

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ELMHURST – From playing a game of chess to putting on a live puppet show, those who visit the Elmhurst Art Museum will have the opportunity to interact with art like never before.

The “Could Be Architecture: McCormick Afterparti” is one of the latest exhibits at the Elmhurst Art Museum, 150 S. Cottage Hill Ave., and will run through April 12. The new exhibition features Ludwig Mies van der Rohe’s 1952 McCormick House, which visitors can walk through.

Could Be Architecture is the name of a collective duo, Joseph Altshuler and Zack Morrison. They’re known for designing “seriously playful spaces, things and happenings that celebrate what your world could be,” according to the Elmhurst Art Museum website.

Altshuler said the word “parti” in the title of the exhibition refers to the basic diagrammatic concept layout of the architectural design. He said their installation digs into the history and explores the domesticity of Mies van der Rohe’s 1952 floor plan.

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Overcoming obstacles



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Megan Schumacher of Villa Park watches her son, Kellen, 5, scamper over a series of buckets on an obstacle course. Families beat the winter blues at CabinFever Fun Fest on Feb. 8 at Courts Plus in Elmhurst.

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“Our installation reenacts the domestic space by putting up colorful curtains throughout the house in the original locations of some of those rooms,” Altshuler said. “We’re also creating playful architectural furniture pieces that begin to reenact or celebrate some of the original domestic functions of the rooms.”

Rooms within the exhibit include the chance to lounge on pull-out seating in the living room, play a game of chess in the parlor, eat a treat from the kitchen and put on a puppet show in the children’s playroom.

“It’s about amplifying the activities that happen in the house as opposed to merely just looking at art on a wall or contemplating something historic that

you can’t touch,” Altshuler said.

Altshuler said he’s especially excited about the pop-up event the exhibit will have on Feb. 20, called “Small Bites are More: A Culinary Pop-up.” The event will feature a local brewery, Twisted Hippo, and a local restaurant, One Fifty One, which will offer specialty beer and bite-sized appetizers in the exhibit.

Also on display at the museum will be the “Sandra Jorgensen” exhibit. Jorgensen, who died in 1999, was an artist, a professor and chair at Elmhurst College, and a curator of the Elmhurst College Art Collection.

Jorgensen also served on the board of the Elmhurst Fine Arts and Civic Center Foundation, which helped start the Elmhurst Art Museum, Executive Director John McKinnon said.

The exhibit will feature a never-before-printed photo series of Chicago

Imagists in their homes and the recreation of a mural commissioned for a Chicago Public Library, according to the Elmhurst Art Museum website.

McKinnon said his favorite aspect of the survey exhibition is the community’s involvement that has helped the exhibition come together.

“We put the word out that we’d like to organize this exhibit, and people have come out and said ‘Hey I knew her, and I have a painting that you might be interested in showing,’” McKinnon said. “Going through that process was very different for me. Usually, we might contact the artist or their gallery to get a painting.”

The exhibit will showcase Jorgensen’s accomplishments, as well as place her work among the larger stories of Chicago and Midwestern artists, according to the Elmhurst Art Museum website.