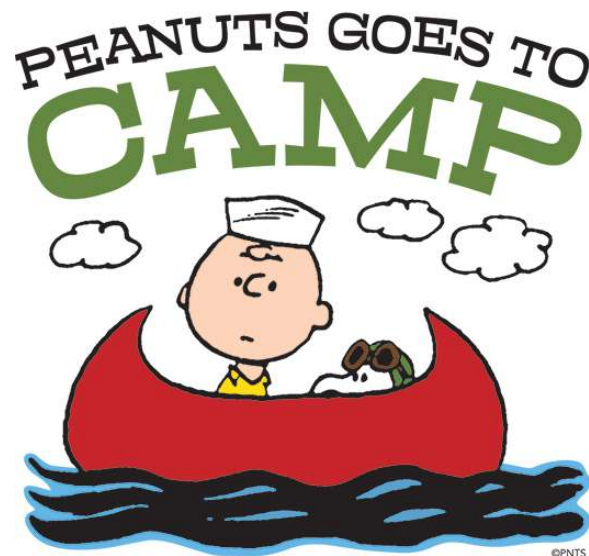




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The Charles M. Schulz Museum explores the adventures of summer camp in *Peanuts Goes to Camp*, on view May 22–November 18, 2019



SANTA ROSA, Calif. May 21, 2019—Nearly every summer, the *Peanuts* Gang loads up on buses and heads off to summer camp—some more willingly than others. The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center celebrates this seasonal theme in *Peanuts Goes to Camp*, a new exhibition on view May 22 through November 18, 2019. Featuring over seventy original comic strips, sketches, and vintage *Peanuts* products, the exhibition invites visitors to relive nights serenaded by crickets and days full of sun-drenched memories with Charlie Brown, Snoopy, and the rest of the *Peanuts* Gang.

Although Charles Schulz was not that fond of camping (explaining he did enough “camping” during his service in World War II), summer camp became an annual storyline in the *Peanuts* comic strip and opened adventures of a different kind for his cast of characters, from homesick blues to first romances.

“Schulz explored not only these emotional developments, but the setting afforded him the opportunity to draw lush backgrounds and fully realized outdoor scenes, signaling to the reader that we’re all going on an adventure together,” said Curator Benjamin L. Clark.

The exhibition includes many popular storylines, including the Mr. Sack series when Charlie Brown wears a paper bag on his head and becomes a camp hero, but only because his identity is concealed—often cited by Schulz as a personal favorite—and the budding friendship of

Peppermint Patty and Marcie, who meet at summer camp in a series of strips from 1971. Not to be left out, Snoopy as lead Beagle Scout and Woodstock with his troop of bird friends also appear to brave the great outdoors together.

“Schulz explored the ups and downs of summer camp with a fidelity that rings true to many a happy camper,” said Clark. “Some years the *Peanuts* Gang goes to a co-ed camp, and some years the boys go to one camp and the girls go to another, but each year brings something a little different, complete with lessons learned, bouts of homesickness, and new friendships.”

Peanuts Goes to Camp will be on view during the Schulz Museum’s own [Summer Camps](#) program, which runs from June 3 through August 23 and offers half-day, full-day, and weeklong camps for grades pre-K through tenth. Details can be found at schulzmuseum.org.



Image of original *Peanuts* comic strip first published on July 27, 1990. © 1990 Peanuts Worldwide LLC

ALSO ON VIEW

[Peace, Love, and Woodstock](#) (through March 8, 2020)

Named for the 1969 music festival—which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year—Woodstock may be the smallest *Peanuts* character, but he has a huge presence. Take a trip through the life of Woodstock and see why this little bird has captured hearts and inspired laughs with his eccentric ways. *Sponsored by Image 360, Recology, and media sponsor The Krush 95.9 FM.*

[Behind Peanuts: The Little Red-Haired Girl](#) (through August 4, 2019)

Charlie Brown’s unrequited love, The Little Red-Haired Girl, was inspired by Donna Johnson Wold, the first love of Charles Schulz. In this exhibition, learn the story behind the story through original art, photographs, and personal interviews.

ABOUT

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The Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center opened in August 2002 to fulfill its mission of preserving, displaying, and interpreting the art of Charles M. Schulz. The Schulz Museum presents changing exhibitions and programming that build an understanding of cartoonists and cartoon art; illustrate the scope of Schulz’s multi-faceted career; communicate the stories, inspirations, and influences of Charles Schulz; and celebrate the life of Charles Schulz and the *Peanuts* characters.

The Museum is located 50 miles north of San Francisco by car on Highway 101.

HOURS AND ADMISSION

Monday to Friday*: 11:00 am–5:00 pm (*Closed Tuesdays from Labor Day–Memorial Day)
Saturday and Sunday: 10:00 am–5:00 pm

Museum Members, children 3 and under: Free

Adults: \$12.00

Seniors 62 and over (with ID): \$8.00

Children 4-18 and college students (with ID): \$5.00

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