

## 2-Day Homeschool Itinerary: Hester's Theater of Magic

**Objective:** Dive into the wonder of illusion, storytelling, and performance through a magical, hands-on unit study that blends science, creativity, and fun!

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### Day 1: Entering the World of Illusion – The Science & Psychology of Magic

#### Morning Activity:

- **Location:** [Hester's Theater of Magic](#)
- **Focus:**
  - Live performance or behind-the-scenes tour (if available)
  - Intro to stage magic and illusions as a performing art
  - Observing how magicians use misdirection, sleight of hand, and stage presence
- **Subjects Covered:** Physics, Psychology, Literature

#### Educational Tie-In:

- Discuss optics, how the brain processes illusions, and audience attention
- Compare illusions to science experiments—both need preparation, timing, and observation

#### Lunch Stop:

- **Restaurant: Mountain Fork Brewery**
  - Great wood-fired pizza, sandwiches, and a kid-friendly atmosphere. The indoor/outdoor setup keeps the energy going post-magic show!

#### Afternoon Session:

- DIY “Magician Lab” – Students try basic magic tricks using cards, scarves, and coins

- Group discussion: “What made today’s performance memorable?”
  - Begin designing their own magic persona and trick presentation
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## Day 2: Storytelling, Showmanship & the History of Magic

### Morning Activity:

- **Location:** Cabin, picnic area, or library-style setting
- **Focus:**
  - Learn about historical magicians (Houdini, Copperfield, Penn & Teller, etc.)
  - Journal exercise: “If I could invent a trick, what would it be?”
  - Practice storytelling through performance—how to build suspense, surprise, and audience connection
- **Subjects Covered:** History, Literature, Art

### Lunch Stop:

- **Restaurant: Buffalo Grill**
  - Laid-back spot with burgers, wraps, and plenty of kid-approved options near the heart of Hochatown.

### Afternoon Session:

- Return to **Hester’s Theater of Magic** (or perform at the cabin!)
  - Students put on their own mini magic show using practiced tricks and costumes
  - Complete the “**Exploring Magic Shows**” quiz
  - Reflection time: “What did I learn about performance and creativity?”

### Optional Sweet Treat:

- **Stop at: Okie Girls Coffee & Ice Cream**
  - Celebrate with a themed “Magician Sundae” or hot cocoa while students talk about their favorite illusion!