



# White House Easter Egg Roll 2007



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For more than a century, this delightful springtime celebration has been a Washington tradition. We are happy that you have come to be part of it.

As you explore the lovely White House grounds, you'll find plenty to see and do. You might even meet characters from some of your favorite books!

In addition to the traditional egg roll, this year's festivities include lots of surprises and fun activities. You can enjoy an egg hunt and a fitness trail, see live animals and magic shows. You can listen to music, decorate an egg, have your face painted, create some art, or enjoy my favorite part of the day – the story readings.

President Bush and I hope you have a great time today and collect wonderful memories at the White House!

*Laura Bush*



## The History of the White House Easter Egg Roll

Young Tad Lincoln, son of President Abraham Lincoln, hosted the first documented informal egg-rolling parties; but the honor of establishing the tradition we know today as the White House Easter Egg Roll falls to President Rutherford B. Hayes and his wife Lucy.

Following the Civil War, press accounts in 1872 noted egg-rolling activities occurring on the grounds surrounding the renovated Capitol building. In the post-Civil War era, the Capitol was the center of Washington.

Neighborhood children found the Capitol's steep, grassy terraces a perfect place to play. Sitting on these terraces and eating their lunches, the children discovered that hard-boiled eggs would roll down the inclines. When Easter Monday rolled around, children flocked to the Capitol grounds to enjoy a day of play, taking their dyed Easter eggs with them.

As crowds increased through the years, egg-rolling activities reportedly became more than a little rowdy and messy. In 1876, some Congressmen, tired of the torn-up grounds and slipping and sliding on the remains of boiled eggs, proposed and successfully passed an Act of Congress that said no part of the Capitol grounds could be used as a playground.

The announcement of the new rule was postponed in 1877, when a rainy Easter Monday kept egg rollers indoors. But in 1878, a public notice of the Congressional decision appeared in the press a few days before Easter Monday and informed the egg rollers the 1876 law would be enforced. In response, according to a New York newspaper, a number of young boys approached a strolling President Hayes and asked for permission to use his back yard to roll eggs. Without promising, Hayes, experiencing his first presidential Easter, returned to the White House and made inquiries. Upon hearing the story, he directed that any children approaching the grounds on Easter Monday be allowed to enter.

On Easter Monday, the first children to venture onto the South Lawn found no one to turn them away and settled into their egg-rolling games. Word spread, and soon the grounds were bustling with children. So successful was the day that the following year the children did not ask but merely showed up and began to play. The White House Easter Egg Roll continued to grow. By 1889 there were more than 8,000 children on the lawn for the event, which included the playing of games such as "Egg Picking," "Egg Ball," "Toss and Catch," and "Egg Croquet."

Occasionally cancelled because of rain, the annual White House Easter Egg Roll was temporarily stopped during World War I, World War II, and the refurbishing of the White House during the Truman Administration. In those times the egg-rolling tradition shifted to the National Mall and back to the Capitol.

First Lady Pat Nixon's staff initiated the first -- and last -- formal Easter egg hunt using real hard-boiled eggs. Only days later were all the eggs found, having emitted a pungent odor that could be detected by anyone near or far. By 1974 the most famous of Easter Monday activities -- the organized egg-rolling race -- was introduced. Wielding stainless steel serving spoons from the White House kitchen, youngsters lined up eight across and, at the whistle, raced down the marked lanes rolling, pushing, and occasionally launching colored hard-boiled eggs (prepared by the White House chefs) into the air on their way to the finish line.

Now each year, thousands of children eagerly await the chance to participate in the White House Easter Egg Roll, the largest public event held at the White House. They enjoy music played by nationally known children's entertainers, hear stories read by the authors of favorite children's books and other celebrities, have photos taken with popular costumed characters, and use their imagination to decorate their own Easter eggs. While the turn-of-the-century games have been replaced by newer activities, rolling a hard-boiled egg across the White House grass is still an annual highlight.





# Activities

## The Easter Egg Roll

A Washington tradition for more than 125 years! For children ages eight and under. Use a big spoon to roll a colored Easter egg across the White House lawn.

## Be an Easter Artist

For children of all ages. Color your own wearable bunny ears and an Easter-themed coloring card.

## Great Eggspressions

For children of all ages. Color and decorate your own egg. Decorating kits and eggs are supplied for you to "eggspress" yourself.

## Breakfast on the Ellipse

Complimentary egg wraps, juice, fruit, fruit cups, and many other treats along with music provided by DJ Darrell Balli.

## Hippity Hop Photo-Op

Have your photo taken by professional photographers and pick up the print at the designated photo tent.

## Bunny Fitness Trail

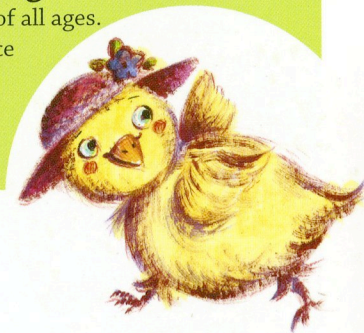
For children ten and under. Enjoy participating in this fun obstacle course.

## Egg Hunt

For children five and under. Have fun in a traditional Easter egg hunt and find the Golden Egg with a special prize!

## Face Painting

For children of all ages. Have your face decorated by local artists.



## Denise Austin and Friends

Join personal trainer Denise Austin, Shrek and their friends as they talk about fitness. They stress sensible, realistic, and fun ways to stay fit, by eating healthy foods and playing at least one hour a day.

## Johnny and the Sprites

John Tartaglia brings years of experience to Johnny and the Sprites. He is a singer, dancer, Muppeteer and puppeteer whose past credits include *The Book of Pooh*, *Bear in the Big Blue House*, and *Sesame Street*. Coming from a show business family, John has been working since he was a child. Johnny and the Sprites is a show for children to watch – and dance and sing with. The Sprites are Ginger, Basil, Lily, Root, and Sage.

## Jonas Brothers

The Jonas Brothers - Joseph, Kevin, Nicholas - hail from Wyckoff, New Jersey. Inspiration for the group's songs comes directly from the boys' personal experiences--the highs and lows of dating, life on the road, and the opportunity to follow their dreams at such a young age. Before forming their band, the Jonas Brothers had appeared together in a series of commercials. As time went on, they found themselves spending more and more time writing songs and practicing together as a band. After a spectacular group audition for a record label, they were signed up on the spot.

## Laughing Pizza

This musical family has been making music for families to share for more than 15 years. Their experience in writing children's music includes songs for Mary Kate and Ashley Olson, the Cartoon Network TV show *Big Bag*, and an entire CD of shape and counting songs called

*Make It Count*, which has become part of the public school curriculum in several states. Four of Laughing Pizza's music and video releases have won Parents' Choice Awards.

## Passing Zone

The Passing Zone's non-stop humor not only surprises audiences, but has them doubled over with laughter. Their act is unique, ground-breaking, hilarious, and makes for high-impact, out-of-this-world entertainment. They have set four Guinness World Records and have been Gold Medalists for five consecutive years at the International Juggling Championships!

## Sesame Street (Elmo, Rosita and Gordon)

Sesame Street has been bringing laughter, fun and learning to children for 37 seasons. Elmo, the high-spirited, playful, imaginative, and ticklish monster, has a genuine curiosity and an optimistic view of the world around him, which has enchanted millions of all ages. Fellow resident Rosita is an exuberant, playful girl who draws from her Mexican heritage to teach her friends Spanish words and phrases. Along with their friend Gordon, they share a love of music and singing songs together - a central part of life on Sesame Street.

## Suzi Shelton

Calling all Rock -n- Roll Kids! *Simply Suzi* is rocking up a storm! Suzi grew up in Chesterland, Ohio where she was a dancer and a preschool teacher. After moving to New York City, she discovered adding music to the mix was a winning combination. Suzi Shelton has been a stand out among the kid-friendly musical performers since her days as an original member of the groundbreaking New York ensemble, *The Imagination Workshop Band*, and then Brooklyn's own *Gillygaloo*.

## MAGIC STAGE

The Magic Stage features some of the best children's magicians from around the country. Using magic and audience participation, these amazing magicians teach children important life lessons. They will be appearing on stage as well as strolling the grounds performing their mystifying feats of magic for small groups of children.

## Featuring:

Dr. Eldoonie (Eldon D. Wigton)  
Ralph the Great (Ralph Metzler)  
Ken Scott  
Adam Ace  
Emanuel and Tintin the Bunny

James Wand  
Mac King  
Dean Alan Carnegie  
Riz (Dave Risley)

## ANIMAL STAGE

Peter Gros and Bobbi Colorado will introduce the audience to many live animals, including: a Great Horned Owl; a four foot Monitor Lizard; a scorpion; an African Crested Porcupine; and a giant bunny. These are provided by Dan Breeding of Wild Animal Encounters. Bobbi Colorado, has more than 35 years of experience working with animals in TV, film and print productions.

Peter Gros has nearly 30 years of field experience with captive wildlife. In his former position as Director of Land Animals and Vice President at Marine World/Africa USA, he established breeding programs for 377 endangered animals. He also developed a rehabilitation program for birds of prey, as well as the largest captive breeding colony of ostriches in the United States. He is a licensed Exhibition & Animal Educator for the U.S.D.A. and an active member of the American Zoo and Aquariums Association and Zoological Association of America. Gros is also on the Board of Directors of the Suisun Marsh Natural History Association.

# Entertainment

## STAGE PERFORMERS

### All for Kidz

Arne Dixon and his team of world-class yo-yo professionals perform an interactive show featuring dozens of outstanding yo-yo tricks. Their NED Show teaches three essential characteristics for becoming a champion in school and in life: Never Give Up, Encourage Others and Do Your Best.

### Arizona Angels

This family-oriented dance troupe for children 2-19 performs for many charities, special events, and dance competitions throughout the country. The troupe requires each member to maintain healthy life habits and good grades. They also encourage the strong parental support that is crucial for both the child's and the team's success.

### Billy Dean

Billy Dean credits his children as the inspiration for his introspective and candid song lyrics and for helping him to realize and re-focus on the joys of life. His new and expressive work has an energy that makes it easily accessible to his audience.



## Flumpa and Friends Live!

Science Rocks with Wendy and Flumpa! Science, music, fitness and fun are blended in a unique and award winning show perfect for the whole family. The energy-charged shows involve the entire audience. Flumpa and Friends have performed at over 4,500 events and schools nationwide since 1995 and have won over 17 national awards.

## Funky Mama

Funky Mama Music is a company devoted to writing and performing original funky music for kids. They believe music for children should be fun, clever, interactive, and loved by moms, dads, and grandparents, too! Krista "Funky Mama" Eyer has performed regularly in theatre productions in and around Kansas City for years and also sings professionally with the Dickens Carolers. Funky Mama blends rock n' roll, bluegrass, country gospel, funk, and fun on her high-energy CDs, *Funky Mama Sings: Giggle Jiggle* and *Grandma's House*.

## Fusion

Fusion mixes a variety of elements - juggling, improvisation, theater, comedy, music and more - to create a performance that leaves audiences breathless! This all-star cast is made up of Jason Tardy, Michael Midon and Matthew Tardy and has amazed audiences around the world, including in Germany, Italy, France, Switzerland and the Bahamas.

## Miley Cyrus as Hannah Montana

Miley Cyrus is a multi-platinum recording artist and the star of Disney Channel's hit series *Hannah Montana*. Miley plays Hannah Montana, an average preteen girl who lives a secret life as a pop star. She'll be singing to you!

# Reading Nooks

Gather around and hear stories read by some of America's most well-known children's book authors and special guest readers at two Reading Nooks on the South Lawn.

## Authors

Michelle Knudsen  
*Library Lion*  
*Cat Hat*

Mary Pope Osborne  
*Magic Tree House #37: Dragon of the Red Dawn*  
*American Tall Tales*

David Wiesner  
*Flotsam*  
*Tuesday*

## Special Guest Readers

Mrs. Laura Bush

Mrs. Lynne Cheney

Stephen Baldwin  
*Actor and member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation*

The Honorable Joshua Bolten  
*Chief of Staff to the President of the United States*

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Kasey Kahne  
*NASCAR driver and member of the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation*

The Honorable Dirk Kempthorne  
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The Honorable Michael Leavitt & Mrs. Leavitt  
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*Chairman, National Transportation Safety Board*

The Honorable Margaret Spellings  
*Secretary of Education*

Kerri Strug  
*1996 Olympic Gold Medalist, Gymnastics*





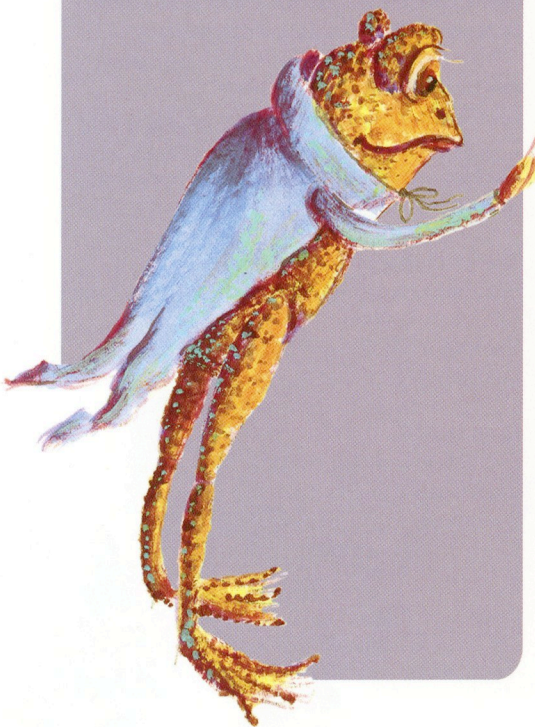
## 2007 Cover Artist

### Bobbie Takashima

The love of arts and crafts has been a part of Bobbie Takashima's life since early childhood. Tagging along with her mother to art and craft classes nurtured and inspired Ms. Takashima's passion for design, painting, teaching and self-study. She opened her first art store in 1978, where she conducted daily art classes and seminars with nationally-known teachers, and taught students from near and far.

Traveling to teach art across the United States, Japan, Australia, Canada, England, Scotland and Singapore has fulfilled Ms. Takashima's lifelong dream to see the world. She has also exhibited artwork at 25 national and international conventions. The author of five painting books currently in print in the United States and Japan, she has written a number of articles for decorative arts magazines. More than 300 Bobbie Takashima designs in pattern packets are available and distributed worldwide.

When not on the road teaching, Bobbie may be found at her art studio in National City, California.



## People

### 2007 Easter Egg Collection Artists

The 2007 Easter Egg Collection continues a tradition that began in 1994. Each state sends a decorated egg to the White House for display during the annual White House Easter Egg Roll. The collection, coordinated by the American Egg Board, is on display at the

White House Visitors Center at 15th and E Streets, NW, two blocks east of the White House. There you will see impressive miniature works of art created through the use of paint, carving, decorative additions, and other art media. Thank you to each artist for a masterful presentation.



### 2007 White House Egg Artists

Alabama	Ms. Lynda Kinman	Washington	Ms. Betty E. Hohlbauch
Alaska	Ms. Chrisinda Bowlin	West Virginia	Mr. George Garton
Arkansas	Ms. Lynda Young	Wisconsin	Ms. Kathryn M. Davis
Arizona	Ms. Marsha Rossell	Wyoming	Mr. Phillip M. LeDonne
California	Mr. Jimmy Hasko		
Colorado	Ms. Heidi Aurich		
Connecticut	Ms. Ellen Smith Fagan		
Delaware	Ms. Susan Monahan		
District of Columbia	Ms. Mary Steingesser		
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Hawaii	Ms. Sylvia Piper		
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Illinois	Mr. Alan Rabon		
Indiana	Mr. Paul Batz		
Iowa	Ms. Heather Jensen		
Kansas	Ms. Heidi Hendrickson		
Kentucky	Ms. Terry B. Andrews		
Louisiana	Ms. Penny Smith		
Maine	Ms. Kim Lidstone		
Maryland	Ms. Amy Kretz		
Massachusetts	Ms. Diane Murray		
Michigan	Ms. Deb Malewski		
Minnesota	Mr. Gary Olson		
Mississippi	Ms. Barbara Lee Watkins		
Missouri	Ms. Carolyn Trout		
Montana	Ms. Jill Hodges		
Nebraska	Ms. Carolyn Pix		
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New Hampshire	Ms. Ann-Marie Waechter		
New Jersey	Ms. Marcia G. Stoetzel		
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New York	Mr. Ziggy Attias		
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Oregon	Ms. Terry M. Coons		
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South Carolina	Anonymous Donor		
South Dakota	Ms. Allyson Nagel		
Tennessee	Ms. Vicky Cutrer		
Texas	Ms. Eve Butterly		
Utah	Ms. Terry J. Lone		
Vermont	Ms. Stormy Heiner		
Virginia	Ms. Carolyn Spencer		

### Strolling Characters

Abby Cadabby from *Sesame Street*  
 Amelia Bedelia  
 Arthur  
 B. B. Rabbit  
 Bobby Banana  
 Bookworm  
 Cera and Littlefoot from *Land Before Time*  
 Charlie Brown  
 Clifford the Big Red Dog  
 Corduroy  
 Cotton the Bunny  
 Curious George  
 Danny's Dino  
 Disney's Handy Manny  
 Feathers the Duck  
 Hooper from *PBS Kids*  
 Maestro Mouse  
 Maya and Miguel  
 Max and Ruby  
 Mouse from *Give a Mouse a Cookie*  
 Noddy from *Make Room for Noddy*  
 Nut Brown Hare  
 Patchy Panda  
 Penelope Pineapple  
 Peter Cottontail  
 Peter Rabbit  
 Pig from *Give a Pig a Pancake*  
 Piggley Winks from *Jakers! The Adventures of Piggley Winks*  
 Ruff Ruffman from *Fetch*  
 Screech - Washington Nationals Mascot  
 Snoopy  
 Spot  
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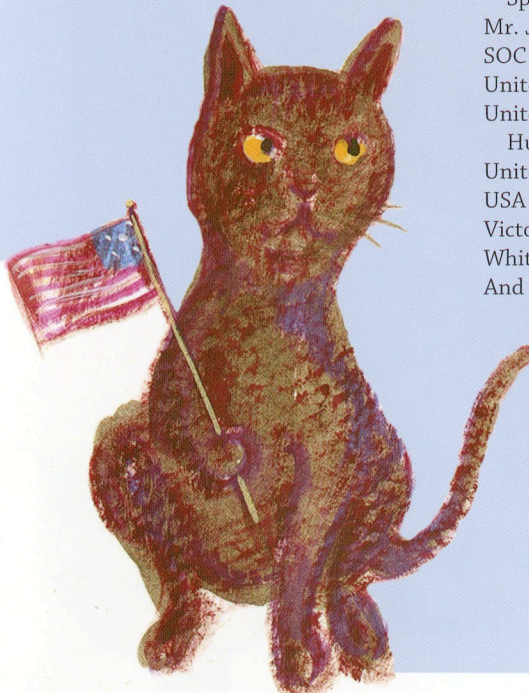
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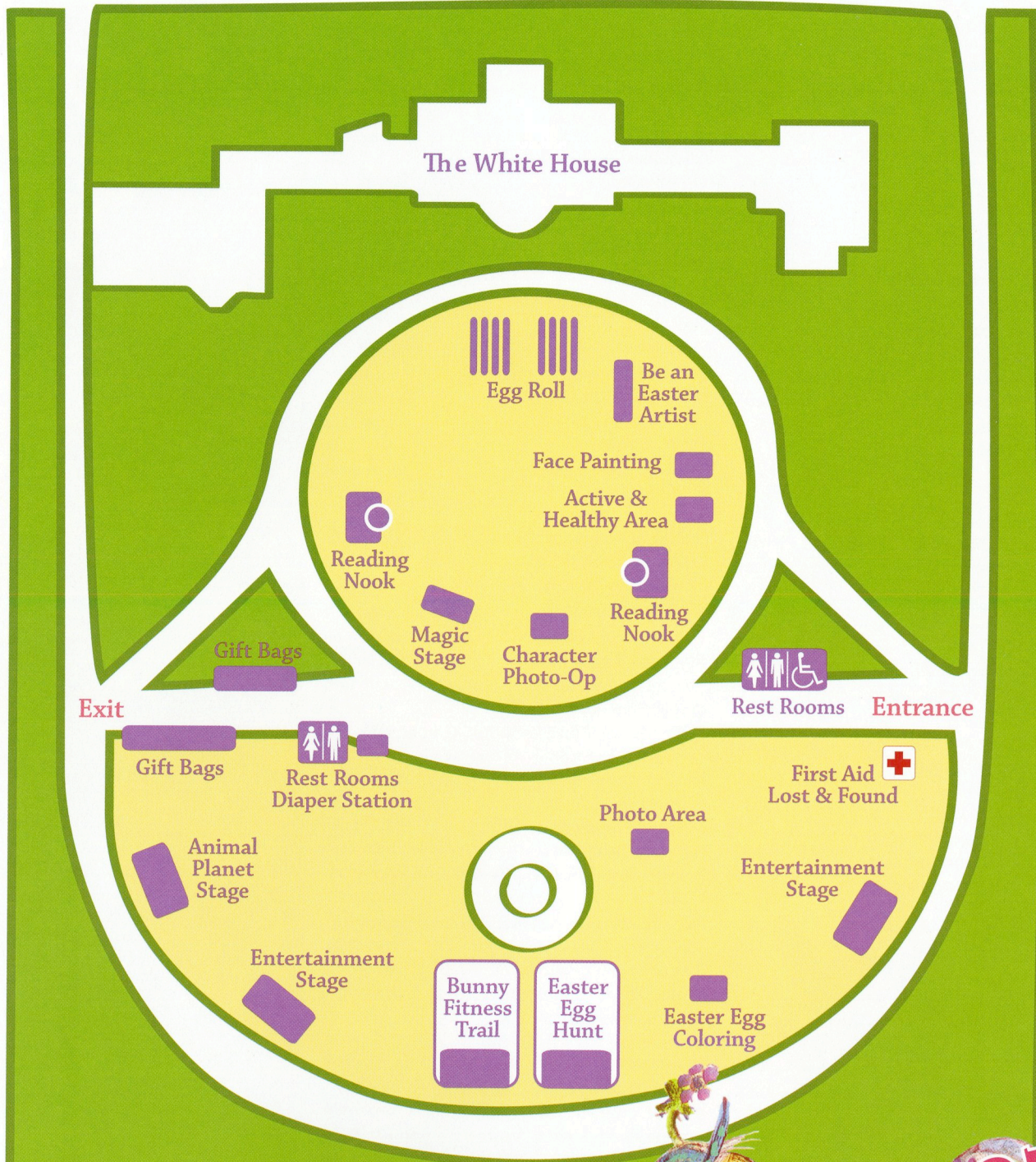
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