

36 **School's out** And these four fun-filled family activities are in!



▲ **PUPPET SHOWPLACE THEATRE, 32 Station St., Brookline**
"Quality, engaging storytellers" create a welcoming atmosphere for children ages 4 to 10, Tiernan said. "They don't mind when kids do what they're supposed to do, laugh and be silly," he said. Shows this week include "Father Goose Tales," "Hungry Caterpillar and Forest Folktales" and "Jack and the Beanstalk." Tickets (\$10) at puppetshowplace.org.

► **CITY WATER TAXI, at Long Wharf**
A fleet of 10 boats comprise this board-and-go fleet, which Tiernan rode to Charlestown with his own children last week. "They thought they got on the Carnival cruise," he said. "They thought it was unbelievable." The taxis start running daily at 7 a.m., and kids younger than 12 ride free. Adult tickets (\$10-\$17) and information are available at citywatertaxi.com.



By JILL RADSKEN
When your kids are bored, school vacation week can feel more like a month. But Patrick Tiernan, family concierge at Hotel Commonwealth in Boston, offered this quartet of ideas as sure-bets for whiling away the hours. And though they all have a kid focus, parents won't mind the trip.

■ **FENWAY PARK TOUR**
Brave the crowds (the Red Sox are home all week) for a 50-minute tour of the beloved old ballpark. "It's something older kids love — and parents get into it, too," Tiernan said. Tours start daily at 9 a.m. Tickets range from \$10 to \$12, and are sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Go to boston.redsox.mlb.com/bos/ballpark/tour.jsp



▲ **FRIDAY NIGHTS AT BOSTON CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**
"If you don't take advantage of this, you should probably give your kids back," Tiernan joked. But the \$1 Target-sponsored admission, good between 5 and 9 p.m., is no joke. "It's hands-on, and entertaining enough for adults — a real value," he added. Go to bostonkids.org.

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