



Kids5B – Celebrating 5 years of kid avatars in Second Life
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During this years Second Life birthday celebrations (SL5B) one of the most highlighted communities in Second Life will present themselves on two highly entertaining and informative Sims. Thanks to the initial exclusion of the kid avatar community from SL5B by Linden Labs, individuals from around the diverse kid avatar community have come together to create an amazing presentation of the many activities these Second Life residents engage in.

Kids5B has attracted a good number of existing kid avatar groups that already have a firm base in Second life. The Goonies, an adventurous group of kid avatars have created a home base in the typical style from the movie. The Boy Scouts of Second Life have laid out a wonderful camp area. Various adoption agencies have setup display points informing the public of their activities. Dance and music clubs that cater to the kid avatar community have also shown up to present themselves to the larger Second Life public.

One of the biggest joys of being a kid avatar is the lack of adult restrictions when it comes to expressing your imagination. This community is thriving with great builders and artists and these aspects of the community have their place too at Kids5B. Take for instance the magical forest atop the hill, with hidden references to many fairytales or the delightful Glow Garden that lets you step out of this world for a few minutes. Don't miss out on the awesome skate park, allowing everyone visiting to have a go at some great moves on the board.

The entire Kids5B Sim build up is a tribute to the creativity of this community, as expressed in the Aztec area, the downtown build up, the old European village or the fantasy rich kids village. Within these built up area's a great number of exhibitions of arts takes place. Rai Fargis has his Rag Dolls displayed; Marianne McCann has her latest series of SL photography set out.

Of course, being a kid is about fun too. And Kids5B provided entertainment in droves. The main stage will be the place to come see the many live performances arranged for Kids5B, with a great line up during the weeks including The Mudslingers, Janor Slichter, Robie Bloch, Nick99 Razor and many more. Get on one of the trains or use the rafts the go round the sims. Grab a skateboard and show off your skills. Get on that Ferris wheel and see the area from up high. And for the ultimate fun, go through the 'transmogriifier' and be transformed into a kid avatar for a day, and experience the world through the eyes of your smaller self.

Last but not least, a number of the exhibits focus on one of the most needed things about the kid avatar community: Information. Thanks to sensationalist journalism the general Second Life population and beyond have been misinformed about the context that this community operates within. You will find displays by kids about the impact of their role-play within a Second Life family, and displays in which kid avatars explain why they became a kid in the first place. One display is devoted as gallery to the large number of web logs actively maintained by members of the kid avatar community.

We invite you to come and experience our celebration of 5 years of kid avatars in Second Life with us during the fifth Second Life Birthday celebration. It will be one event you don't want to miss!

For more information and event-scheduling see: <http://www.kids5b.net>

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