

Sciencenter Connection: Think, Experiment, Play at the Sciencenter



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You may have already known that the Sciencenter is Ithaca's best place for family fun, with cool interactive exhibits, like this summer's "Roll, Drop, Bounce" exhibition all about the science of motion. But did you also know that the Sciencenter is always serving up even more cool hands-on science to encourage families to think, experiment and play?

See science in action every Saturday at 2 pm with an interactive *Showtime!* presentation that's fun for the whole family. Each week a different topic is demonstrated with a hands-on component, ranging from amphibians and reptiles to nanotechnology and robots. This Saturday, May 18, meet the 4H Junior TailWaggers and their canine companions to learn tips for training dogs.

Every Tuesday at 10:30 am, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to the Sciencenter's Curiosity Corner program, which introduces a different science concept through a storybook and related hands-on activity. This coming Tuesday, May 21, little ones will enjoy the story "Forest Tracks" by Dee Dee Duffy and then make their own set of rabbit ears.

Now that warmer weather is here, enjoy science out-of-doors with hands-on exhibits that let you climb and hang, make music, investigate bubbles, and bounce on the world's ONLY Kevlar suspension bridge in the Sciencenter's popular Emerson Science Park. Challenge a friend to a round of Galaxy Golf on the science-filled miniature golf course opening June 1, or explore the Sagan Planet Walk, a ¼-mile walking tour from the Commons in downtown Ithaca to the Sciencenter.

Need even more cool hands-on science? The Sciencenter's Summer Camp is loud, messy, fast-moving and full of fun! Designed for kids entering grades 2 – 6, a typical day involves both indoor and outdoor hands-on activities, games, challenges, experiments, field trips, and special presentations all in the context of the Sciencenter's interactive museum. Making ice cream, launching rockets, and dropping eggs is all in a day's work. Camp starts June 24, so sign up for one or all six sessions—with a variety of themes like Space Science, Life on Earth, and Chemistry, there's something for everyone.

The Sciencenter is open on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 10 am to 5 pm. Active duty military personnel, veterans, and their immediate family members receive free admission Saturday through Monday of Memorial Day weekend. Just show a valid military ID at the front desk.

For the complete monthly line-up of events and activities, visit www.sciencenter.org, where you can also sign up for our monthly e-News. Like us on Facebook for even more Sciencenter news.

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