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Sciencenter Connection: Celebrate October with Science



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Celebrate science and community in October with two Sciencenter events: our 30th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt and Spooky Science.

There's still time to participate in the Sciencenter's 30th Anniversary Scavenger Hunt, going on now through October 20. The unique scavenger hunt includes a variety of questions and challenges to help you celebrate science in Ithaca. You'll embark on a fact-finding mission around town, conducting science activities and learning historical facts about the Sciencenter.

You can download the form online at www.sciencenter.org/whatsnew/30thanniversary.asp or pick up a copy at the Sciencenter front desk.

All entries must be submitted by October 20 to be eligible for the prize raffle, drawn on October 28. The grand prize is an exclusive tour of the Ithaca Police Department's Criminal Investigations Unit including a guide through a "crime scene" equipped with real-life tools that investigators use in the field, plus a one-year Cosmos level membership (the Sciencenter's most comprehensive membership level). First, second, and runner-up prizes will also be awarded – check our website for more details.

The Grand Prize ties in to the Sciencenter's fall exhibition, "Crime Lab Detective," where kids of all ages can become investigators as they scrutinize evidence like fingerprints and DNA, and conduct forensics lab activities to determine which of five suspects committed the crime.

Join us for Spooky Science, Friday, October 25, 6 to 8:30 pm. Bring your costumed kids down to the Sciencenter to celebrate Halloween with a science twist!

This annual community event offers tricked-out exhibits, a variety of spooky activities, and a full line-up of special presentations and eerie demonstrations. Admission to Spooky Science is free to all and is made possible with the generous support of Kionix, Inc.

The Cornell Herpetological Society will present snakes, lizards and other live, creepy creatures of the night (and day). The Ithaca College Chemistry Club will share weird tricks and treats of chemistry with live demonstrations throughout the evening.

Children will enjoy a variety of Halloween-themed hands-on activities, like bleeding paper, exploring spooky optical illusions, and making common objects "scream." Plus there will be a special activity just for preschoolers in our Curiosity Corner. Ghosts and ghouls of all ages will want to be sure to catch the grand finale, which happens at 8:30 pm, weather permitting. Check out the event schedule online: www.sciencenter.org/whatsnew/spookyscience.asp.

For all of October's line-up of events and activities, visit www.sciencenter.org, where you can also sign up for our monthly eNews. Like us on Facebook for exclusive photos and news.

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