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Sciencenter Connection: Featured Exhibition “Turtle Travels” Opens January 18



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Did you know that people walk at a speed of about three miles per hour but some turtles can only travel three miles in a whole day? Discover what it's like to be a turtle and experience life in the slow lane at the Sciencenter's featured exhibition, “Turtle Travels,” opening January 18.

This upbeat, engaging exhibition features a life-sized board game among other fun exhibits to present a vital environmental message. Flip out the feet of a Swiss Army Turtle to make an animal adapted to life in the desert, in a pond or at sea, or make your own crazy mixed-up turtle! Watch footage shot by a CritterCam attached to a loggerhead sea turtle, become a turtle tracker, and more! Discover what you and your family can do to help protect turtles and their environment.

Sciencenter members can enjoy an exclusive preview of the exhibition and hands-on activities on Friday, January 17, 6 – 8 pm. Plus, members will meet live turtles and learn about turtle adaptation with a New York State wildlife rehabilitator! Not yet a member? Call 607-272-0600 x 18, visit us online at www.sciencenter.org or stop in to purchase a membership today.

The public can check out the exhibition during opening weekend, Saturday, January 18, 10 am – 5 pm, and Sunday, January 19, 12 pm – 5 pm. Throughout the weekend there will be special hands-on activities all about turtles, where you can discover how temperature effects turtle eggs, make your own 3D turtle shell or create an origami turtle.

At 10:30 am on Saturday, January 18, toddlers and preschoolers are invited to a special “Turtle Travels Yoga” where they'll hear stories and use yoga to explore how turtles travel through fun, creative movement.

Plus the Sciencenter is open Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Monday, January 20, 10 am – 5 pm.

Learn more about Sciencenter programs, planning your next visit, or purchasing a membership at www.sciencenter.org, call 607-272-0600, or visit our front desk. Sciencenter hours are Tuesday – Saturday, 10 am – 5 pm; Sunday noon – 5 pm. Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children 3-17 years, and free to members and toddlers 0-2 years. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail.

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