'TreeHouses' exhibition opens Saturday at Sciencenter

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There's no need to start climbing the walls this winter when you can spend time climbing in the trees at the Sciencenter's featured exhibition, "TreeHouses," opening Saturday.

This hands-on exhibition features an indoor tree house where guests discover the important roles that trees play in providing homes for all sorts of wild things, including people. Forest explorers of all ages uncover fascinating facts about who actually lives in trees while investigating signs of animal tree dwellers. Come listen for animals living inside of the trees and guess their sounds on the animal dance floor, become a forester and learn how to harvest trees without harming wildlife, and design your very own tree house.

Sciencenter members can enjoy an exclusive preview of the exhibition and hands-on activities from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. Plus, members will meet live tree frogs up close and personal with the Sciencenter's live exhibits manager, Colin Meeks. Not yet a member? Call 272-0600 ext. 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 — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Remember, you can visit the Sciencenter for free on the first Sunday of every month this winter (January through March). Mark your calendar for the upcoming First Free Sundays: February 1, and March 1.

And for an added winter bonus, the Sciencenter is open on Martin Luther King Jr. Day — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. January 19.

Learn more about Sciencenter programs, planning your next visit or purchasing a membership at www.sciencenter.org, call 272-0600, or visit our front desk. Sciencenter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. 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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