

Indoor fun at Sciencenter for winter break and beyond

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Snow is still falling outside and winter has officially set in, but the Sciencenter has a fun lineup of activities and new exhibits that will help turn up the heat on the winter doldrums.

The Sciencenter is open for Presidents' Day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday. Get out of the cold and spend time hanging out in the trees! Explore the Sciencenter's featured exhibition, "TreeHouses," while looking up, down, over and under for signs of animal wildlife. Monday through Friday of winter break, join us for special hands-on activities that showcase the power of trees: sniff out the everyday foods that come from trees, plant a seed necklace and watch it grow, make an origami tumbling bird to fly from the treetops, and learn how trees drink!

You don't need your winter coat to get familiar with negative 320 degrees at the Sciencenter. Discover how different items react to those extreme temperatures at the special winter break program: "Liquid Nitrogen - The Coolest Demonstration" at 2 p.m. Feb. 18 and Feb. 20. Looking for an electrifying experience? Join us for "Shocking Science - Van de Graff Generator Demonstration" at 2 p.m. Feb. 17 and Feb. 19, and discover the power of electricity.

This winter break, the Sciencenter is also participating in the citywide initiative "Ithaca Loves Teachers." From Feb. 15-22, teachers with ID receive free admission for themselves and a coupon for \$10 off of a

\$30 Sciencenter store purchase. And kids who accompany teachers to the Sciencenter will receive a small science kit with their paid admission.

The Sciencenter is able to share inspiring science experiences with all members of our community, regardless of income level, through programs like Museums for All. The program offers \$1 admission to anyone in a family presenting an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card at the admissions desk. Remember, First Free Sunday is on March 1 from noon to 5 p.m.

Check out our complete calendar of events, plan your visit, or purchase 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 noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children 3 to 17 years, and free to members and toddlers 0 to 2 years. The Sciencenter is a member of the Discovery Trail.

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