

Summertime science keeps kids' minds sharp

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Summer is here, and the Sciencenter is open 7 days a week! With a fun lineup of summer programming and new hands-on activities for all ages, there's something for everyone to enjoy, all summer long.

Weekly Wonders

Cool, creative hands-on activities are led by our middle school Future Science Leaders every weekday from 2 to 3 p.m. this summer. Kids and adults can launch rockets, build and race cars in an engineering challenge, participate in a citizen science project that explores the underwater world of our neighboring Cascadilla creek and more. Take part in a new activity each week.

Liquid Nitrogen Demonstrations

Experience negative 320 degrees at the Sciencenter. Discover how different items react to liquid nitrogen with the Sciencenter's Emily Cotman, every Friday at 2:30 p.m. in July and August.

Preschool Programs

Toddlers, preschoolers, and your caregivers, join us on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. to explore the many ways you can build different structures through hands-on activities. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m., stop by for a fun story, silly songs, and a related hands-on activity to take home.

Saturday Showtime

See science in action this month with a family-friendly interactive presentation every Saturday at 2 p.m. Watch as local scientists, teachers and students demonstrate the science behind seasonal changes, provide an up close and personal look at the life of an insect, explain the science of physics and sound through make and take activities.

Mini-Golf

Putt around the greens at our 18-hole mini-golf course. Mini-golf is fully wheelchair accessible with ADA approved clubs. A round of golf is \$6 for players ages 4 and up; \$5 for Sciencenter Members; and toddlers ages 0 to 3 are free with a paid adult. Mini-golf pricing does not include nor require museum admission.

Strange Matter

Enter the fascinating world of materials science at our summer exhibition, "Strange Matter." Experiment with amorphous metal structures and investigate their unique properties. Make a pool of magnetic ferro fluid dance and jump. Or zoom in to 30x magnification and observe the structure of items you use each day.

Museums for All

With our Museums for All program, even more families can explore and enjoy these exciting activities. Through this initiative the Sciencenter offers \$1 admission to EBT cardholders and each family member of their household. Simply present your EBT card and photo ID upon entry.

To learn more, visit www.sciencenter.org, call 272-0600, or stop by our front desk. Sign up for our

monthly e-News to stay in the know, and join us on Facebook and Twitter. 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 proud member of the Discovery Trail in Ithaca.

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