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Outdoors or indoors, the museum offers plenty of activities



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When school is out, fun is in! An unforgettable experience awaits you at the Sciencenter this summer, so get ready to jump, climb, splash, think and build your way through hands-on, full-body science excitement.

Outdoor science fun

Enjoy science in the sunshine as you climb, swing and bounce in the popular Science Playground. Explore dozens of exhibits that let you run and jump, make music, investigate bubbles and water, and spring your way through compelling science concepts. Bobble along the Kevlar suspension bridge or explore geometry while you hang out on our 14-foot high rope structure. The multi-level Science Playground is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

Continue your outdoor science exploration with a round of Sciencenter mini-golf. Experiment with sound waves as you putt through a path of alarm bells, activate a wave pendulum and investigate frequency to see if you can successfully putt through the pendulum, explore the different threats to our watershed while discovering how you can become a water warrior, and more. Sciencenter mini-golf is \$7 for players, \$5 for Sciencenter members, and children 3 and under are free with a paid adult. Mini-golf pricing does not include nor require museum admission and is fully wheelchair accessible with ADA approved clubs.



Discover the ocean

Explore ocean wildlife — with your hands — at our Tidepool Touch Tank. The tank's façade is modeled from rocks near Acadia National Park and includes captivating animals such as flat-clawed hermit crabs, horseshoe crabs, moon snails and channeled whelks. For guests who like to look and not touch, check out life under the

ocean through the tank's large viewing windows.

The Tidepool Touch Tank is open Saturdays and Sundays in June from 12 to 2 p.m. for hands-on exploration, and it is open daily this summer beginning in July; call ahead for summer hours.



Weekly Wonders

Learn about science through cool, creative hands-on activities led by our Future Science Leaders every weekday from 2 to 3 p.m. this summer starting June 28. Scientists of all ages can build and launch rockets, design and race cars in an engineering challenge, and more.

Enjoy an extra dose of science excitement every Wednesday at our weekly live demonstrations of “The Coolest Science.” Starting on June 29, even in the summer heat, you can discover how different items react to the extreme temperatures of liquid nitrogen and dry ice. Watch as Sciencenter educators create bubbles with dry ice, make a hammer out of a banana, and produce an indoor cloud before your eyes.



Featured summer exhibition

Get ready for some head-spinning thrills as you design, construct and test your very own roller coasters, superhighways and race tracks at our featured summer exhibition, “Motion Mania.”

Grab a starting ramp, add a clothoid loop, snap on a jump ramp and watch what happens as your ball careens down the track. Change variables using different ramps and loops then test again to discover if your coaster or racetrack can make your ball go even faster. “Motion Mania” is fun for the whole family and is sure to please budding engineers of all ages.

Traveling this summer?

Your Sciencenter membership travels with you! If you are traveling this summer, be sure to pack your Sciencenter membership card.

As a member, you receive free admission to over 325 other science museums worldwide through the ASTC Travel Passport Program. Visit www.sciencenter.org/membership for a complete list of participating museums, to become a member, or to renew your membership.

For complete calendar details please visit www.sciencenter.org/calendar.



To learn more about Sciencenter programs, planning your visit, or purchasing a membership, visit www.sciencenter.org, call 272-0600 or stop by our front desk. Sciencenter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and from 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. The museum is open 7 days a week in July and August. Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children 2-17 years old, and free to members and children under 2 years old. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail.

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