

Explore gross side of science at Sciencenter

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Have you ever wondered why your nose runs? What causes someone to burp? Where warts come from? Get ready to find out at the Sciencenter's new featured exhibition, "Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body," opening on Saturday.

Explore the ins and outs of the human body beginning with "Nigel Nose-It-All," who presents an in-depth look at how the nose functions. Discover the effects of allergies, the purpose of sinuses, what causes a runny nose and more. Next, meet the "Burp Man" to explore how air pressure in the stomach results in a large belch. At the "Skin-Climbing Wall" investigate human skin features such as pimples, warts, hair and wounds while traversing a 12-foot fiberglass skin replica. And find out how much the nose really knows with "Y U

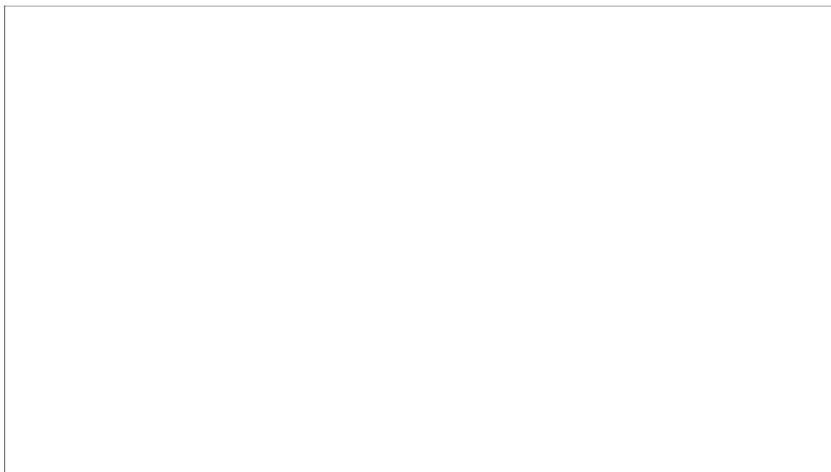
Stink," an interactive scent-matching game.

From digestion to indigestion, "Grossology" intrigues curious guests of all ages. This imaginative exhibition tells the good, bad and downright ugly of body odor, upset stomachs, flatulence and other unmentionables.

Grab the whole family and explore the science behind the human body at opening weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Take part in special hands-on activities developed by the Sciencenter educators and our middle school Future Science Leaders. The exhibition and opening weekend activities are included with regular museum admission. "Grossology" is a collaboration between Science World, Advanced Exhibits and "Grossology" author Sylvia Branzei.

After learning about your bodily functions, get your body moving with a round of Sciencenter mini-golf or a visit to the Science Playground and Curiosity Playground. Run, jump, bound and putt your way through thrilling science fun. Mini-golf is \$7 for players or \$5 for Sciencenter members with children up to age 3 free with a paid adult. Mini-golf pricing does not include nor require museum admission.

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And, be sure to check out all of the exciting programming happening throughout the month. See science in action at our weekend "Showtime!" presentations and "Chemsations!" demonstrations. Create your own buzzing, spinning, zooming contraptions at the weekly "Moto-Inventions," and learn with your littlest scientists Tuesday through Friday at "Science Together." Our calendar of events is packed with interactive and inspiring programs for all ages to enjoy.

The Sciencenter is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Memorial Day (May 29). Throughout Memorial Day weekend (May 27-29), active-duty military personnel, veterans and their immediate family members receive free admission. (Valid military ID required.)

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Check out our calendar of events and plan your visit at www.sciencenter.org (<http://www.sciencenter.org>). Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for behind-the-scenes photos. Sciencenter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. General museum admission is \$8 for ages 2 through 64, \$7 for seniors ages 65 and over, and free to members and kids under 2. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail.

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