

Winter Offerings at the Sciencenter

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Looking for creative ways to keep the whole family entertained this winter? The Sciencenter at 601 1st St. in Ithaca has you covered with a full line-up of activities that everyone will enjoy.

Ever wonder what's inside Jack-in-the-Box? Get an exclusive peek inside some of your favorite childhood toys at our featured exhibition, Toys: The Inside Story. Explore the basics of pulleys, cams, gears, linkages and circuits while investigating what makes Elmo® dance or how twisting the knobs on an Etch A Sketch® creates a picture. Opening on Jan. 7, this exhibition provides hours of fun and exploration for families of all ages.

Gather your littlest scientists and join us every Tuesday through Friday in the Sciencenter's Family Learning Area for Science Together. Engage with your toddlers and preschoolers as you explore science processes through hands-on activities, silly stories and songs. Make observations while creating bubbles, experiment with oobleck, predict what will happen when you mix colors and more! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesdays and Fridays at 3 p.m.

Experience science in action at one of our family-friendly, interactive Showtime! presentations every Saturday at 2 p.m. Watch as local scientists, teachers and students demonstrate exciting science principles – live! From meeting amazing live animals to experiencing thrilling chemical reactions, every Showtime! is sure to please. Showtime! presentations are included with museum admission.



Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the sea at our saltwater Tidepool Touch Tank, part of the Brooks Family Foundation Ocean Education Gallery. Get an up-close and hands-on introduction to some amazing creatures such as Flat Clawed hermit crabs, Horseshoe crabs, Channeled whelks, Forbes sea stars, sea urchins and more. Gain a new appreciation for ocean life as you encounter animals that are directly connected to us through our local watershed. Visit our website for upcoming hands-on hours.

For the makers and budding engineers in your life, join us on Sundays at 1 p.m. for Moto-Inventions where kids can create sparks and spark their creativity while making moving, buzzing, spinning contraptions. Throughout the week, our Reinvention Station is chock full of recycled materials where your family can tinker with recycled materials and construct cool inventions to take home.

These programs and activities are included with Sciencenter admission. For the complete monthly line-up of events, visit www.sciencenter.org, where you can also sign up for our monthly e-News. Find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for exclusive photos and news.

Museum hours: Tuesday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday noon – 5 p.m. Visit the Sciencenter for FREE on Sunday, Dec. 11 and Sunday, Jan. 8. Open holiday Mondays, Jan. 16 and Feb. 20, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Admission: \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children 2-17 years, and free to members and toddlers under two years old. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail in Ithaca.

