

Activities and fun for all at the Sciencenter

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The Sciencenter offers many exciting and memorable activities for the whole family to enjoy. A tidepool touch tank, preschool programs, mini-golf and strange matter will keep all ages busy.



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With a full lineup of monthly programming and activities, you can always count on the Sciencenter to provide exciting and memorable experiences for the whole family to enjoy. Take part in a Citizen Science activity, go on a hands-on exploration of ocean life, enjoy story time with your toddlers, and more, this month at the Sciencenter.

Discover the ocean

Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of the sea at our new saltwater Tidepool Touch Tank, the only one of its kind in the region. Get an up-close, and hands-on, introduction to some amazing creatures such as Flat Clawed hermit crabs, Horseshoe crabs, Channeled whelks, and Forbes sea stars. Gain a new appreciation for ocean life as you encounter animals that are directly connected to us through our local watershed.

Weekly wonders

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

Preschool programs

Join your littlest scientists for stories, songs, and science in our Curiosity Corner. At 10:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays this month, explore your senses through hands-on activities with kinetic sand, clay, and other materials. On Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30am, stop by for a fun story, silly songs, and a related hands-on activity to take home.

Liquid nitrogen demonstrations

Can a banana be used as a hammer? Can a frozen balloon still fly? Find out at one of our weekly liquid nitrogen shows. Watch how different items react to negative 320 degrees with the Sciencenter's Emily Cotman, every Friday at 2:30 p.m. through September 4th.

Sciencenter mini-golf

Putt around the greens at our 18-hole mini-golf course. Throughout this month, Sciencenter guests can help the museum's Exhibits team prototype and test new science-themed challenges before they're installed on the course in September. 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 0-3 are free with a paid adult. Mini-golf pricing does not include nor require museum admission.

Strange matter

Discover the *strange* science behind every day "stuff" as you enter the fascinating, practical, and sometimes bizarre 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! From the shoes on your feet to the bicycle you ride there's a mystery for everyone to uncover at, "Strange Matter." On display through September 7.

Museums for all

The Sciencenter is able to share exciting, hands-on science experiences with all members of our community, *regardless of income level* through our *Museums for All* program, made possible by gifts to the Sciencenter's Annual Fund. Through this national program, 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 about Sciencenter programs, planning your visit, or purchasing a membership, visit www.sciencenter.org, call (607) 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 for exclusive photos and news. Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children (3 – 17 years), and free to members and toddlers (0 – 2 years). The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail in Ithaca.

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