



# A Summer of Hands-On Science Awaits at the Sciencenter

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School is winding down and summer plans are already filling up the days on your calendar. With all of the hands-on science fun to be had at the Sciencenter, you'll want to keep plenty of free time to explore the many new interactive exhibits and programs at the museum.

The Sciencenter is reimagining our exhibits and programs. We are renovating or replacing nearly all of our exhibits—indoors and out and are expanding our educational programming. Several new elements are already in place and more are still to come. You won't want to miss out on any of the excitement this summer.

## Outdoor Science Fun

Now that the sun is shining, enjoy science out-of-doors with hands-on exhibits that let you run and jump, make music, investigate bubbles, and bounce your way through fun science concepts in the Sciencenter's popular Science Playground. Bobble along the world's ONLY Kevlar suspension bridge or explore geometry as you climb and hang on a 14-foot high rope structure. The multi-layer Science Playground is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

## Discover the Ocean

Explore ocean wildlife at our enhanced, northeastern-themed touch tank opening in July. This revitalized exhibit features a beautiful rock façade and basin molded from rocks near Acadia National Park and includes a larger assortment of captivating animals. Our new touch tank critters hail from the coast of Maine, including horseshoe crabs, sea urchins, and sea stars. For guests who like to look and not touch, the new, larger tank also includes large viewing windows for ocean explorers of all ages to access this amazing ocean life.

## Weekly Wonders

Learn about science through cool, creative hands-on activities led by our Future Science Leaders every weekday from 2:00 to 3:00 pm this summer starting in July. Kids can launch rockets, build and race cars in an engineering

challenge, participate in a citizen science project that explores the hidden world of our neighboring Cascadilla Creek, and more. Enjoy a new activity each week.

## Swinging for Science

Putt around the greens this summer at our 18-hole, professionally built, mini-golf course. This summer the Sciencenter begins the final phase of construction, to be completed by September, which will include custom science-themed challenges at each hole. Throughout the summer, Sciencenter guests can help the museum's Exhibits team prototype and test the new challenges before they're installed on the course. Mini-golf pricing does not include nor require museum admission and is fully wheelchair accessible with ADA approved clubs.

## Traveling this Summer?

If your summer plans don't include staying in town, be sure to pack your Sciencenter membership card – your Sciencenter membership travels with you! 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](http://www.sciencenter.org/membership) for a complete list of participating museums or to renew your membership.

Ignite your whole family's imagination this summer. We'll see you at the Sciencenter.

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The Sciencenter inspires excitement for science through interactive exhibits and programs that engage, educate and empower. The hands-on museum offers guests of all ages more than 250 exhibits, educational programs, a gift shop, and seasonal outdoor science park.

**The museum is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, and Sunday from noon to 5 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children (3 – 17 years), and free to members and toddlers (0 – 2 years). For membership information, current programs, and upcoming activities, please visit [www.sciencenter.org](http://www.sciencenter.org). The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail in Ithaca.**

