

Sciencenter kicks off fall with more science fun

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New exhibit “From Here to There” opening on Sept. 17.



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The Sciencenter is launching into the fall season with a September chock full of science fun for the whole family! From new programs to new exhibits, there’s something for everyone to explore.

New for little scientists

This fall, we’re offering even more opportunities for you to engage with your youngest scientists. Explore how your toddlers and preschoolers ages 0 to 4 learn like scientists at Science Together.

Each week, we will investigate a different step of the scientific process followed by a related hands-on activity that you and your little ones can do together.

This month, make observations while seeing the reaction caused by mixing vinegar and baking soda; make predictions about the power of wind; smash, twist, and squish flubber using different tools; and explore different ways that you can dissolve and crush ice. Join us at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and at 3 p.m. Wednesdays and Fridays in the Curiosity Corner.



New featured exhibition

Lift, launch and levitate as you explore how things move on land, sea, and air at our featured fall exhibition, “From Here to There,” opening on Saturday, Sept. 17.

Families of all ages will love experimenting with each hands-on element while learning about gravity, friction and the laws of motion. Ride a hovercraft chair and experience first-hand how air pressure works. Investigate the effects of wind while floating a sailboat. Using a powerful channel of air, watch as colorful balls zoom across walls and along the ceiling through over 100 feet of air tubes. Or discover how boats move from one level of water to the next while experimenting with an authentic canal lock system.

Run, walk, sail, or fly to the Sciencenter for opening weekend of “From Here to There” from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 17 and from 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18. This exhibition is included with regular museum admission.

And be sure to catch the final days of designing and creating your own roller coaster at our featured summer exhibition, “Motion Mania,” on display through Sunday.



Outdoor science fun

Explore science out-of-doors in the Sciencenter’s intriguing outdoor spaces.

On the Science Playground, get your hands on interactive exhibits that let you run and jump, make music, investigate bubbles and bounce your way through fascinating science concepts. 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.

For your little scientists, head out to the Sciencenter’s newest outdoor addition, the Curiosity Playground. This learning space gives children under 5 the room to run, jump and crawl through several engaging, sensory focused hands-on activities while developing fine and gross motor skills. Your little ones can explore volume and weight with tools in the sand play area, build and experiment with intricate ramp structures, discover balance while scooting around on wheeled insects, and so much more.



The fun doesn’t stop there: Be sure to save some time for a round of Sciencenter mini-golf. Try your hand at maneuvering through a black hole, make beautiful music as your ball rolls down a colorful xylophone and

experiment with a balanced lever. Sciencenter mini-golf is \$7 for players, \$5 for Sciencenter members, and children ages 0 to 3 are free with a paid adult. Mini-golf pricing does not include nor require museum admission.

Many of the new programs and exhibit spaces are made possible by our capital campaign, “Curious. Confident. Inspired.” And now is a terrific time to show your support for the Sciencenter and help empower kids through science! Through Sept. 30, all gifts to our capital campaign will be matched, dollar for dollar.

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. Sign up for our monthly e-News to stay in the know, and find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram for exclusive photos and news.

Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children (2 to 17 years old), and free to members and children under 2. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail in Ithaca.

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