

Sciencenter opens 2 new exhibits this month

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The Sciencenter is kicking off the new year with exciting programs and two new exhibits for scientists of all ages to enjoy.

Bloodsuckers are invading the Sciencenter on Saturday at the opening of our new featured exhibition, "Attack of the Bloodsuckers!" Explore the science of what bites you and examine the what, why, when and how of mosquitoes, fleas, ticks, leeches and other parasites. Jump into the Mosquito Cockpit, where you'll play the role of a mosquito looking for a bite, and discover how body heat and carbon dioxide help these bloodsuckers locate their next meal. Then check out the live leech tank and watch them feed as you try to determine which end is the biting end.

Sciencenter members can enjoy an exclusive preview of the exhibition and hands-on activities on from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday. At 7 p.m., Cornell graduate student David Peck will explain how parasites are (sometimes) bad for us and (sort of) good for the environment, while giving a unique view of different parasites and where they're commonly found. Not yet a member? Call 272-0600 ext. 118, visit us online at www.sciencenter.org, or stop in to purchase a membership today.

The public can check out the exhibition during opening weekend from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Also, this Sunday is Free Sunday at the Sciencenter, with admission free all day.

Beginning Saturdays this month, adults and their little ones can learn exciting science processes while engaging in self-guided, hands-on activities at Exploring Science. Plus, Sciencenter educators provide fun tips to keep the science discovery going at home. Join us each Saturday at 10:30 a.m. in our newly expanded Curiosity Corner.

On Jan. 16, join us for an exclusive look at the animals who call the Finger Lakes region home at the opening of our New York Natives animal room. Located within the museum's Saltonstall Animal Room, this new space contains four different live animal enclosures including a 400-gallon tank featuring fish found in Cayuga Lake, a pond habitat housing local reptiles and amphibians, a spotted salamander habitat and an Eastern newt exhibit.

And for an added winter bonus, the Sciencenter is open on Martin Luther King Jr. Day (Jan. 18) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



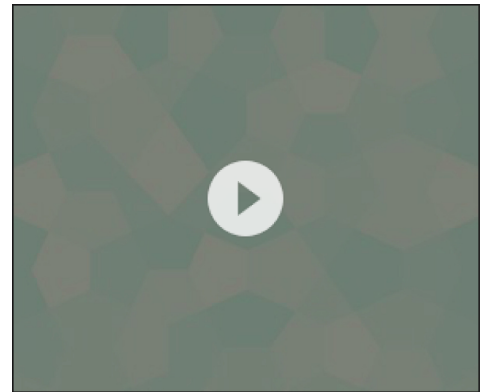
A spotted salamander habitat will open later this month at Sciencenter. (Photo: Provided)

Learn more about Sciencenter programs, plan your next visit or purchase a membership at www.sciencenter.org (<http://www.sciencenter.org>). Sciencenter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Museum admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children 2-17 years, and free to members and for toddlers under 2. For more information, call 272-0600 or visit our front desk. The Sciencenter is

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