

# Spring into science this month at Sciencenter

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Spring has sprung at the Sciencenter! With the new season comes new and exciting hands-on activities, exhibits, and programs — indoors and out — that are sure to ignite the imagination of your young scientists.

Escape a black hole! Watch out for that tar pit! Challenge a friend — or the whole family — to a round of Sciencenter mini-golf. Maneuver through 18 extraordinary obstacles while exploring the science of sound, wind energy, water conservation and more. Putt through the “Living Roof” and discover how rooftop gardens help to conserve energy. Investigate why your ball ricochets differently off of various materials. Find out the safest way to travel through a watershed and see if you can get a hole in one! Mini-golf is fun for all ages and is wheelchair accessible with ADA approved clubs. Mini-golf pricing does not include nor require museum

admission.

Experience science in action every Saturday at our family-friendly, interactive Showtime! presentations. And this month, join us for two additional special programs. Explore nanotechnology through hands-on activities led by scientists and students from Cornell University from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday. Then from 2 to 4 p.m. on Earth Day, April 22, investigate Earth and space science with local scientists from the Cornell Astronomy Club. Make your own cloud, experiment with gravity, explore current NASA research and more.

Looking for science fun that you can enjoy with your littlest scientists? Join us Tuesday through Friday for Science Together. Engage with your toddlers and preschoolers while you investigate scientific principles through hands-on activities such as mixing baking soda and vinegar or using tools to play with flubber. Keep an eye out for special activities in the Curiosity Corner April 25-28 during Week of the Young Child.



Sciencenter mini-golf teaches lessons about science while having fun. (Photo: Provided)

On Sunday, April 30, the Sciencenter invites families and children with sensory integration challenges to Sensory Hours from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. At these special Sensory Hours, modifications to the museum create a relaxed and accepting environment that include designated quiet spaces filled with supportive sensory tools, and signage for light and sound areas. Sensory Story orientation guides and picture schedules are available for download on the Sciencenter’s website at [www.sciencenter.org/plan-you-visit](http://www.sciencenter.org/plan-you-visit) (<http://www.sciencenter.org/plan-you-visit>). Admission to Sensory Hours is “pay what you wish.”

Are you traveling this spring and summer? Sciencenter memberships travel with you! Sciencenter members receive free admission to over 325 science museums worldwide through the ASTC Travel Passport Program. Make sure your membership is up to date before heading out on your next vacation. Not a member? Sign up today at [www.sciencenter.org/membership](http://www.sciencenter.org/membership) (<http://www.sciencenter.org/membership>).

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Sign up for our monthly e-News and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for exclusive photos and news. Sciencenter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Sciencenter mini-golf, the Science Playground, and Curiosity Playground are open through Nov. 30, weather permitting. General museum admission is \$8 for adults (ages 2 to 64), \$7 for seniors (ages 65 and over), or free to members and children under 2 years old. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail.

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