

Thursday, July 11, 2013

Sciencenter Connection: Keep Cool with Hands-On Science Fun



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Summer is officially here, and the Sciencenter is open seven days a week! In July and August, the museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Sciencenter is partnering with the Cayuga Lake Floating Classroom to provide families with a great deal on summertime science fun. With your paid admission to the Sciencenter, you can receive a coupon for \$2 off each paid admission to a Cayuga Lake Floating Classroom Ecocruise. Visit our front desk to learn more.

Cool, creative hands-on activities are in session at the Sciencenter every weekday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. this summer. Our “Weekly Wonders” program is included with admission and offers kids the opportunity to launch rockets, concoct slime, and participate in a citizen science project that explores the hidden world of our neighboring Cascadilla creek. For example, today you can join our counselors-in-training and Sciencenter educator Alberto Lopez as they wade into the creek to collect samples of insects and test the water quality (weather permitting). The Sciencenter can lend adult-size rubber boots for any guests that would like to join them, or feel free to bring your own.

On Friday, get an up-close view of the creature they collected — our CITs and the Community Science Institute will have microscopes on hand to lead Sciencenter guests through the insect identification. All next week you can make a sandwich kazoo. What is that? Show up at 2:30 p.m. any day next week to find out!

A summertime birthday would not be complete without a celebration at the Sciencenter! Each birthday party includes a cool, hands-on science activity, museum admission for the day, plus plenty more. To help celebrate the Sciencenter’s own 30th birthday this year, we’ve just redecorated our birthday celebration room! Visit our website to learn more.

Mark your calendar for M&T Bank Customer Appreciation Day next Saturday, July 20. Show your M&T Bank credit or debit card at the Sciencenter to receive free admission for you and your family from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 20. Plus, everyone can enjoy hands-on activities throughout the day related to our summer exhibition, “Roll, Drop, Bounce,” like creating a balancing craft that appears to defy physics; engineering a machine to throw objects; making a toy that hovers in the air before gently gliding to the floor, and more!

For the complete monthly lineup of events and activities, visit www.sciencenter.org, where you can also sign up for our monthly eNews. Like us on Facebook for exclusive photos and news.

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