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Sciencenter Connection: Discover “Whodunit” at Sciencenter’s Fall Exhibition



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While the Johnsons had been away on vacation, a neighbor noticed a broken window and went to the house to check it out. Things had been moved and removed from inside the house – signs someone had been there. But who? It’s up to YOU to solve the mystery at “Crime Lab Detective” the Sciencenter’s fall exhibition, opening this Saturday, September 14.

“Crime Lab Detective” will take you into the popular world of crime laboratories and detective work. You’ll scrutinize evidence left behind while recording your findings in a Detective Notebook. After investigating the crime scene, you’ll be challenged by forensic lab activities as you uncover which of the prime suspects committed the crime.

You can become an investigator as you examine clues such as fingerprints, hair and DNA. Families will be encouraged to act as a team, while students can either attempt to solve the crime alone or in groups. From tire marks left outside the crime scene to a cloth fiber on a picket fence, you will learn how to collect, sort and analyze evidence. After gathering all of the data, you’ll draw a conclusion and see if you successfully determined “whodunit.” Can you solve the mystery?

A special exhibition preview and hands-on activities for Sciencenter members will be held this Friday, September 13 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Exclusive member-night activities include extracting DNA from strawberries to make a special necklace, plus at 7:00 pm families can learn how specially trained dogs can help law enforcement solve crimes during a presentation by a State Trooper K9 unit. Not a Sciencenter member? Call us at 607-272-0600 to become a member today.

As part of the exhibition’s opening weekend celebration Saturday, September 14 and Sunday, September 15, the public can enjoy hands-on activities like fingerprinting, disappearing ink, and identifying a mystery substance, which are all included with museum admission. “Crime Lab Detective” at the Sciencenter is sponsored by the Maguire Family of Dealerships.

“Crime Lab Detective” has been developed by the Museum of Discovery, Little Rock, Arkansas.

For the complete monthly line-up 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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