Stay cool, get messy at Sciencenter this summer

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Summer is in full swing and the Sciencenter is open seven days a week to bring you even more opportunities to discover something incredible! With dozens of interactive exhibits, daily hands-on programs, and awesome activities — indoors and out — there’s something new to experience every day of the week!

Weekly Wonders

Take part in cool and creative hands-on science activities led by our middle-school Future Science Leaders every Tuesday through Friday at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. this summer. Kids (and adults) can launch rockets, build and race cars in an engineering challenge, explore the underwater world of neighboring Cascadilla Creek and much more! Join us for a new activity each week.

For the littlest scientists

Get messy and have fun at Science Together. Toddlers, preschoolers, and their caregivers can join us on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. to explore science with silly songs and hands-on activities like exploring flubber, mixing baking soda and vinegar, investigating Worms and more.

The coolest science

Can you blow a bubble using dry ice? Can a banana be used as a hammer? How do you make a cloud indoors? Find out this summer and beat the summer heat at our weekly liquid nitrogen and dry ice demonstrations. Discover how different items react to extreme cold temperatures right before your eyes at 1 p.m. Thursdays in July and August.

Grossology

What causes a burp? How do warts form? What makes feet stink? Discover the gross side of science at our featured exhibit “Grossology: The (Impolite) Science of the Human Body.” Climb a giant skin wall while investigating warts, pimples, and more. Try your luck at removing toxins from the body at “Urine the Game.” And learn all about mucus from “Nigel Nose it All.”

Saturday Showtime

From electrifying physics demonstrations to meeting and testing robots, see science in action at 2 p.m. Saturdays with a family-friendly interactive presentation. Watch as local scientists, teachers, and students demonstrate a different field of science each week through exciting experiments and hands-on activities.

Sciencenter mini-golf

Putt through science fun on our 18-hole mini-golf course. Experiment with sound as you putt across a xylophone, explore the different threats to our watershed while discovering how you can become a water warrior, investigate simple machines, and much more.

Sciencenter mini-golf is $7 for players, or $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 and is fully wheelchair accessible with ADA-approved clubs.

Museums for All

With so many captivating programs and events, you and your family won’t want to miss a single day of fun at the Sciencenter this summer, and with our Museums for All program, every family can explore and enjoy the Sciencenter.

Through this initiative, the Sciencenter offers $1 admission to EBT cardholders and each family member of their household. Simply present your EBT card and photo ID upon entry. Visit our website for our other admission discounts.

To learn more about Sciencenter programs, planning your visit or purchasing a membership, visit www.sciencenter.org, call 607-272-0600, or stop by our front desk. In July and August, the Sciencenter is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. General museum admission is $8 for ages 2 to 64, $7 for seniors ages 65 and over, and free to members and children under 2 years old.

The Sciencenter is a proud member of Ithaca’s Discovery Trail.

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