

Future Science Leaders is a program for students in 6th-8th grade to explore STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math), make new friends, and participate in real scientific research. We work on educational programming, exhibits, and digital media projects. This year, FSL will be a combination of virtual sessions and in-person meetings. Meeting and project logistics may change as COVID-19 guidelines are updated.

FSL members will...

- participate in community science projects
- collaborate with researchers from Cornell and around the Finger Lakes
- virtually meet with STEM professionals from around the world
- engage with the Sciencenter's live animal collection (snakes, geckos, horseshoe crabs, etc.)
- design, build, and test exhibit prototypes
- communicate scientific concepts through digital media projects
- earn volunteer or community service/career exploration hours

FSL members attend meetings and special events when they are interested and available. Regular meetings are Saturdays from 12:30 - 2pm, although timing is subject to change. **Masks will be required for all meeting participants.** See program calendar for more details.

This program is free to all current Sciencenter members.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Complete the attached form.
2. Have **your parent/guardian** complete and sign the Parent/Guardian Permission Form (see page 4).
3. Submit form via email (pleipzig@sciencenter.org) or when you attend your first FSL meeting.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Join us for project meetings and special events! Refer to the Fall FSL schedule on page three to see when we'll be meeting next.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Peter Leipzig at pleipzig@sciencenter.org or 607-272-0600 ext. 145.



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Fall 2021 SCHEDULE

Regular Saturday Meetings (12:30-2:00 at the Sciencenter, unless otherwise noted)

- October 9th– FSL orientation, animal room training, activity prototyping
- October 16th (**2:00-4:00**) – Eco-cruise with Discover Cayuga Lake. *Drop off and pickup will be at the Ithaca Farmers Market Dock.*
- November 6th– Exhibit design and prototyping
- November 13th- Exhibit design and prototyping
- December 4th – Moon game among us
- December 18th- End of fall celebration: Let’s look back on everything we’ve accomplished over the past for months and celebrate before we break for winter!

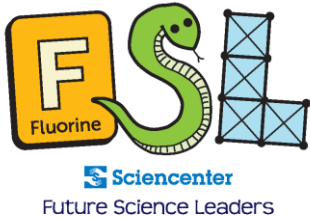
Special events including:

- October 1st (6:00-7:00) - Fall Kick-off: Come learn more about the program, hear from former FSL members, and explore the museum after hours! **Families are invited to join us for this event.**

Virtual discussions with scientists

- Meetings with scientists on Zoom will take place on weekday afternoons. Dates and times TBD, so stay tuned!

Note –This schedule is subject to change.



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PARENT/ GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM

I give permission for _____ (child's name)

To receive emergency medical treatment in the event that injury or illness should occur during his or her participation in the Future Science Leaders program, after program staff has made every reasonable attempt to contact me and/or other legal guardians.

To participate in program related activities conducted by the Sciencenter, I hereby release, indemnify and hold harmless the Sciencenter to from any and all liability in respect to any loss, damage, or claim of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to my child's participation in the Future Science Leaders program, provided that such loss or damage was not caused solely by the fault or active negligence of the Sciencenter or its staff.

To walk off-site to local areas such as Stewart Park, the Ithaca Farmer's Market pavilion, the Sagan Planet Walk and Cascadilla Creek, and to tour other facilities.

I understand that there is no supervision provided to FSL participants outside of program hours. Youth, age 12 and above, may stay in the Sciencenter unsupervised outside of program hours.

I grant the Sciencenter and its representatives permission to photograph and/or videotape me and/or my child. I also grant the Sciencenter permission to put the finished product to any uses it may deem proper, including, but not limited to: print materials, media releases, advertising, online and social media. I understand that the Sciencenter does not provide monetary compensation.

I understand that my child must have a current family membership at the Sciencenter to participate in FSL.

Good behavior is a key component to a successful program. In an effort to provide a safe and fun-filled experience, all FSL members must exhibit proper behavior and self-control. FSL members are expected to respect museum staff, museum guests, and each other at all times. Examples of inappropriate behavior include, but are not limited to, fighting, horseplay, name-calling, bullying, foul language, reckless endangerment, and disrespectful actions. The Sciencenter reserves the right, upon notification of both FSL members and parents, to dismiss any FSL member for conduct that is deemed detrimental to the well-being of others, or to the overall operation of the FSL program.

Signature: _____

Name (please print): _____ Date: _____