

Learn fun lessons at Sciencenter in December

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Looking for creative ways to entertain your guests during the holidays? The Sciencenter has you covered with a calendar chock full of activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Have you ever wondered how snowflakes form their intricate and unique patterns? Find out at our featured exhibition, Pattern Wizardry, on display through Jan. 3. Grab your wizard cape and travel through four interactive spaces to uncover the magical powers of the patterns found all around us. Then climb into a giant kaleidoscope and watch as you become part of a pattern.

Experience science in action at one of our family-friendly, interactive Showtime! presentations every Saturday at 2 p.m. Come meet some cool slithering serpents (including a baby king snake), you'll be amazed by thrilling chemistry experiments performed live, and find out what happens to dry ice inside of a bubble. Showtime! presentations are included with museum admission.

It's winter outside, but you can still experience the fun of the ocean at our Tidepool Touch Tank every Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 2 p.m. Meet and touch our fascinating ocean critters, including horseshoe crabs, moon snails and sea stars. Also, check out the Saltonstall Animal Room Tuesday through Sunday to meet and learn about rhino rat snakes, lion fish, fire-bellied toads, and even more animals from all over the world.

Visit the Sciencenter for free on Sunday thanks to the generous support of BorgWarner Morse Systems. Mark your calendar for the next Free Sunday on Jan. 10, and be sure to spread the word about Museums for All, a national program available at the Sciencenter that offers \$1 admission to anyone living in the same household who presents an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card at the admissions desk.

Are you still looking for that perfect holiday gift? The Sciencenter Store holiday sale is going on now through Dec. 31. Store purchases are 10 percent off for everyone and 20 percent off for Sciencenter members (this includes the regular member discount). We have fun science kits and games, cool engineering toys for the makers on your list, unique graphic puzzles and much more. Museum admission is not required to shop, so be sure to stop in and pick the gifts that everyone will love. Remember, Sciencenter memberships make perfect gifts too and last all year long! Order by Dec. 18 and your gift membership will arrive by Christmas.

The Sciencenter is closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. But we're open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 28, so come on out and add a little science fun to your school break!

Learn more about Sciencenter programs, planning your next visit, or purchasing a gift membership at www.sciencenter.org, call 272-0600, or visit our front desk. Sciencenter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children 3-17 years, and free to members and toddlers 0-2 years. The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail.

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