Spring into new programs at the Sciencenter in Ithaca

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Plan for summer camps, check out Science Cabaret and explore the world of craft beverages

This spring, the Sciencenter is expanding its programming! From additional summer camp sessions to after-hours lectures for adults, we are offering even more for everyone to enjoy.

Plan for summer

Summer camp registration is now open online, and this year the Sciencenter there will be more sessions for your little scientists to explore. Discover the wonders of space science, conduct experiments while learning about engineering, and investigate water and its effect on everything around us. Each camp session features hands-on experiences, promotes creative thinking, and encourages campers to explore their curiosity while they solve science-themed challenges. Sciencenter Summer Camp is open to children entering kindergarten through grade 6 in the fall.

For science enthusiasts entering grades 7 through 9, the Sciencenter offers a Future Science Leaders Counselor-in-Training+ (CIT+) program. CIT+ participants assist campers and camp staff, and are given leadership roles delivering museum programming, developing digital media pieces for camps, and participating in scientific research projects with museum guests. Applications are available on our website. Go online to www.sciencenter.org/summer-camp to register for these summer programs.


Science Cabaret

Think the Sciencenter is just for kids? Think again! On March 14, in partnership with Science Cabaret, the Sciencenter will begin offering monthly programs for adults. Science Cabaret brings scientific research to the public through fascinating and interactive informal lectures and discussions.

This month, discover why bikes don’t fall down — whether with a rider or not — in an exciting discussion and demonstration led by Cornell University professor of mechanical engineering Andy Ruina. Advance tickets are $5 for Sciencenter members or $8 for non-members. Tickets at the door are $8 for Sciencenter members and $10 for non-members. Visit www.sciencenter.org/calendar (http://www.sciencenter.org/calendar) to purchase tickets.

Craft beverages
Our quarterly lecture series examines “The History and Science of Craft Beverages.” In partnership with Experience! The Finger Lakes, the Museum of the Earth and the History Center in Tompkins County, it will explore the science and stories behind wine, cider and beer in the Finger Lakes region.

Our journey begins on April 4 at the Museum of the Earth, when we dig into the geology of wine. Additional lecture topics include the history of cider in New York hosted at The History Center in Tompkins County, the science of beer making hosted at the Sciencenter, and the science of food pairing hosted at Coltivare.

Each program in the series begins with a food and beverage pairing reception led by sommelier Laura Winter Falk of Experience! The Finger Lakes, followed by a presentation by a top Finger Lakes craft beverage producer. Tickets are available at craftbeveragelecture.eventbrite.com.

Stay in the know by signing up for our monthly e-news, and join us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for exclusive photos and news. Sciencenter hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 12 to 5 p.m. Sunday. General museum admission is $8 for adults (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 the Discovery Trail.

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