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Sciencenter explores global warming with 'Hot Air'

To launch its new 10-year initiative on sustainability, the Sciencenter will host "Full of Hot Air," a family forum on global warming and polar science.

The event is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Sciencenter, 601 First St.

With a playful approach, Sciencenter Executive Director Charlie Trautmann will encourage families to explore the issue of climate change. After the presentation, participants will be able to try hands-on activities that investigate the greenhouse effect and the science of ice. The program is free with museum admission, which is \$6 for adults, \$5 for seniors, \$4 for children 3-17 years, and free to Sciencenter members and children under 3.

Through its sustainability initiative, the Sciencenter is developing programs to introduce the science behind alternative energy. The museum is creating new exhibits that focus on climate change, environmental conservation, and energy.

The Sciencenter will be open on Presidents Day, Monday Feb. 19. For more information, visit the Sciencenter online at www.sciencenter.org. The Sciencenter is a member of Ithaca's Discovery Trail; more information can be found at www.DiscoveryTrail.com.