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Explore how things move 'From Here to There' at Sciencenter

ITHACA — Ride a hovercraft to experience how air pressure works, launch a rocket to explore propulsion, and float your sailboat to experiment with the effect of wind, rudder and sail positions. Explore the science of how things move by land, sea and air at the Sciencenter's newest exhibition, "From Here to There," opening on Sunday, May 20.



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Ride a hovercraft at the Sciencenter's new exhibition "From Here to There," opening on Sunday, May 20.

Lift, launch and levitate as you experiment with hands-on exhibits that make learning about gravity, friction, and the laws of motion fun!

Visitors can turn up the heat to launch a colorful hot air balloon, operate an authentic canal lock system to move a boat from one water level to the next, and experiment with pneumatics, pulleys, hydraulics and levers to see what kind of mechanical advantage works best.

"From Here to There" consists of twelve fun, interactive exhibits. "Each exhibit is designed to spark conversation and encourage interaction among families, friends and other museum visitors," said Hester Vermaak, the Sciencenter's PR Manager.

The 1,500 square foot exhibition is color-coded and divided into three main categories: transportation by land, sea and air.

At the Earthmovers exhibit, visitors can discover how simple machines can help move things across land. This ball-pit is fun for all ages, but is designed with the museum's youngest visitors in mind.

One hundred feet of Air Tubes allow visitors to send colored balls in a rushing channel of air from one station to another. Visitors can watch the balls as they zoom and snake through the exhibition gallery, going up the walls and over their heads to their friends at the other station.

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In addition to exhibits like Waterways and Set Sail that explore transportation by water, visitors will have the opportunity to interact with exhibits that explain the principals of how things move.

Visitors can Feel the Friction as they try to move different weights across dirt, tracks and through water and Start Your Engines! to explore how internal combustion engines work to power anything from cars and airplanes to lawnmowers and snow blowers.

This exhibition will be on display through Labor Day, September 3.

The Sciencenter in Ithaca and the Rochester Museum & Science Center of Rochester developed "From Here to There" as part of the Traveling Exhibits At Museums of Science (TEAMS) collaborative. This exhibition is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

The Sciencenter, located at 601 First St. in Ithaca, is a hands-on science museum for people of all ages with over 200 exhibits, educational programs, an outdoor science park, a seasonal miniature golf course, and a gift shop. The Sciencenter, named the "2006 Not-for-Profit Organization of the Year" by the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce, welcomes more than 91,000 visitors per year. For information, current programs and activities, please visit www.sciencenter.org.

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