



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 science communication projects.

FSL members will...

- participate in community science projects
- collaborate with researchers from Cornell and around the Finger Lakes
- engage with Sciencenter's live animal collection (snakes, geckos, horseshoe crabs, etc.)
- design, build, and test exhibit prototypes
- 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 1:30 – 3:00 pm, although timing is subject to change. We will have scheduled opportunities to work with our live animal collection after regular meetings and during school breaks. Evening events will include special projects, museum exploration, and interactions with STEM professionals. See program calendar for more details (page 3).

This program is free to all current Sciencenter members. If you're interested, but the cost of a membership is financially prohibitive, please reach out!

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 FSL schedule on page three to see when we'll be meeting next. If you're attending your first meeting, please RSVP to Peter before attending.

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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PERSONAL INFORMATION



Future Science Leaders

Name: _____ Pronouns: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Grade (2023-2024 Academic Year): _____

School Name (unless homeschooled): _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

Emergency Contact Phone 1: _____ Phone 2: _____

Applicant's Email: _____

Parent's Email: _____

My family has a **Sciencenter Membership**:

Yes- Membership Number _____

No

Note that all FSL participants must have a current family membership.

If a Sciencenter membership is financially out of reach, your family may be eligible to receive a free membership through the Membership Access Program. For more information, please contact the Membership department at (607) 272-0600 ext. 118



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Fall 2023 Schedule

****Note –This schedule is subject to change****

September 29th (5:30-6:30pm) - FSL Family Kickoff Event. Middle School students and families are invited to explore the Sciencenter after hours and learn more about this year's FSL program!

Regular Saturday Meetings (1:30-3:00 at the Sciencenter, unless otherwise noted)

- October 14th- Biomimicry Prototyping
- October 21st- Touch Tank and Animal Room Training
- November 4th- Biomimicry Mini Golf Design
- November 11th- Biomimicry Mini Golf Design
- December 2nd- Space Activity Prototyping and Training
- December 16th- Science Connections Event

*Touch Tank and Animal Room Shifts (take place immediately after the regular meeting, must sign up in advance using link provided before meeting. **NOTE: FSL members must have completed animal training before participating in a shift**)*

- October 21st 3:00-4:00
- November 11th 3:00-4:00
- December 16th 3:00-4:00

School Break Touch Tank and Animal Room Shifts (must sign up in advance using link provided before break)

- December 22nd- January 2nd

Evening Events (5:30 -6:30pm at the Sciencenter, unless otherwise noted)

- Friday, November 3rd
- Friday December 1st



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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 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 and that photos may be shared with Sciencenter partner organizations.

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: _____