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The Latest from the Science Factory

The Reptiles and Amphibians are Back on August 29! Our friends at the Oregon Herpetological Society are bringing their scaly slithering friends to the Science Factory on August 29 from 10am-4pm. Hold large snakes, pet a tortoise, see tarantulas, and admire all the exotic and beautiful creatures at a special August "Cavalcade of Crawling Creatures."



Attention Summer Camp Alumni Ages 9-11!

Get more than **33% off the regular registration price for "Going Green" in week nine, August 17-21**. This morning camp is full of adventures with two great field trips in one week: one to BRING and to the Leaburg Dam! As of this writing, there are just four spots left, so call 682-7895 or email info@sciencefactory.org to get your child signed up today before these great camps are booked! [Click here](#) for all the info.

The Planetarium is Back up and Running Don't miss **"40 Years from the Moon"** on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 pm through the summer. *The 45-60 minute live show is intended for children ages 8+ and adults. Admission is \$4 per person and free for members.*

[>> Learn more about this and all Planetarium shows](#)

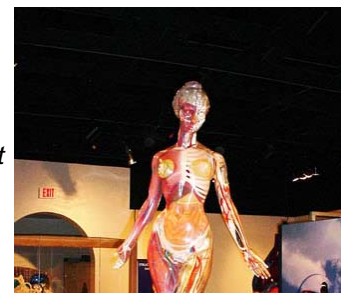
"Your Healer Within" to Open at the Science Factory on September 23

This exhibition contains a whopping 39 interactive exhibits geared toward visitors of all ages. Its central theme is about the prevention of disease through healthy lifestyle choices taught with a high touch/high tech approach. The exhibition has been well-received in its travels to museums such as the Smithsonian and OMSI. We expect it to be a hit among families and classes on field trips. [Click here to learn more about the exhibit.](#)

Here's what members of the media in other cities said about the exhibit:

"Whoever has said science is boring has never seen the Healer Within exhibit."

- KVLV News, Fargo
"[Your Healer Within] is a must-see exhibit for children and adults of all ages."
- WGNX News, Atlanta



Members! Mark your calendars now for the exhibit opening party on **October 2 from 5pm - 7pm.**



Programming and Announcements

The Perseid meteor shower is back-- here are tips on catching the show! Although the meteor shower reaches its peak on the night of August 11 or 12, some meteors will be visible for a week or two on either side of the peak. The Perseids are caused when the Earth's orbit carries it into a cloud of dusty debris left behind by Comet Swift-Tuttle. As the bits of cometary dust enter the Earth's atmosphere, friction with the air causes them and the air they pass through to glow - giving us the view of a bright streak of light traveling across the sky - a meteor (also known as "falling stars" or "shooting stars.") At its peak, the Perseids can treat us to several dozen meteors per hour. The best time to observe them this year will be early in the evening after sunset but before moonrise. The bright light of the moon will make it difficult to see any but the brightest meteors during the early morning hours - traditionally the best time to observe a meteor shower peak.



It is important to get away from the light pollution of the city lights and get under dark night skies. Then, lie back and enjoy the show. The meteors can and do appear anywhere in the sky, but if you trace their flight backwards you will discover that the meteors seem to come out of the constellation Perseus for which they are named.

Football Season is Almost Here!

Though it seems like summer just started, fall is just around the corner. And fall, of course, means football. If you are looking for the perfect place to park and tailgate, look no further: the Science Factory offers parking spaces a football throw away from the stadium. Plus, your parking payment helps support science education programs for youth in our community. For information about our parking lots, rates, and availability, visit the [parking section of our web site](#) or call 541-682-7896. Go Ducks!

Gift Shop Souvenirs Do More than Just Make the Kids Happy

This summer we're commemorating the 40th anniversary of the first moon walk. While you are here checking out our planetarium show celebrating this event (2 pm on Saturdays and Sundays, recommended for children 8+), stop by the gift store and pick up a space souvenir. We have rockets, space shuttles, moon rovers, kits to create your own personal night sky, glow-in-the-dark stick-on stars, planispheres to help you navigate the night sky, and - one of our favorites - astronaut ice cream. You'll walk out with a fun, educational item and **50% of the purchase price goes directly to supporting the Science Factory.**



Also new in the gift store: Science Factory Souvenir and Scrapbook Packs.

These contain everything you need to remember your visit to the Science Factory, including a colorful postcard. Perfect for your kids' scrapbooks - and be sure to have your out-of-town visitors pick one up when they visit the Science Factory during their stay. They'll never forget the fun they had at the Science Factory!

Science Pub

This month's Science Pub topic is "CSI: Science/Fiction"

When: Thursday, August 13

Time: 7:00 pm (but get there early to get a good seat)

Where: Cozmic Pizza, 199 W 8th Ave

Cost: Free!

Television made forensic science trendy, but how truthful is Hollywood's depiction? Using OMSI's new exhibit CSI: The Experience as a guide, we'll discuss what Hollywood gets right (science) and wrong (fiction), along with "stretched" truths and predicted technology (science fiction). Get a glimpse into Eugene's own Forensic Evidence Unit as we present how case work is analyzed and decide for yourself how much truth is in the trend.

Speakers Heidi Eldridge and Raychelle Burks are forensic analysts with the Forensic Evidence Unit of the Eugene Police Department. In addition to sharing a love of science fiction, both have graduate degrees in the physical sciences.

Science Fun Fact

Your Bony Baby

A baby has a lot more bones than you do. At birth, a newborn baby has approximately 231 bones, while the average adult has 206 bones (the total number of bones varies slightly from one person to another). The difference happens because babies are born with a number of small bones that eventually fuse together during growth, eventually resulting in a skeleton with 206 bones, give or take.



Thank You, Volunteers!

Our camp instructors depend on volunteers to keep camps running smoothly. Thank you to **Jessica Langford, Keaton Wallace, Maiyra Espinoza, Janne Keskinen, Daniel Cordura, Genni Koberstein, Janne Keskinen, Jessalynn Spears, Erin Lashaway, Samantha Johnson, Mollie Little, Indra Orozco-Urena, Haley Lorenzen, Oresta Tolmach, Zev Feinstein, Mekhala Dissanayake, Britany Clingenpeel, Rachel Hobart, and David Bao.**

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Northwest Aquatic & Marine Educators (Grant for a demonstration cart program on ocean biodiversity)

Thompson Landscape Company (In-Kind)

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Welcome, New Science Factory Members!

We now have 1,447 member families! Join us in welcoming our newest members:

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We hope to see you soon!

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