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The Latest from the Science Factory

Are Your Child's Toys Toxic?

Join us for our 2nd Annual "Toxic Toys" Testing on Saturday, November 7th from 10am - 4pm. A representative from the Oregon Toxics Alliance will be here to test your toys, jewelry and trinkets for unsafe levels of lead and other hazardous chemicals, using a hand-held instrument called a Niton Analyzer, donated for the day by Thermo Fischer Scientific, that can give quick and accurate on-the-spot screenings. Testing of two toys is included with museum admission, but we invite you to bring in additional toys to be tested for \$2 each. Testing proceeds benefit Oregon Toxics Alliance.



Thank you Members, Sponsors, Donors & Volunteers.

Science Factory gives a warm and hearty *THANK YOU!* to all of our members, donors and volunteers. Without you, we would not be able to bring quality science and technology exhibits and educational programs to the community. The Science Factory would also like to extend an extra special thank you to the major sponsors that brought Your Healer Within to the Eugene / Springfield area:

Your Healer Within Continues to Inspire Healthy Habits



The Science Factory continues to present A.T. Still University's **Your Healer Within** traveling exhibit, where kids can learn about how their bodies, minds and spiritual outlook can be harnessed to maintain and improve health. This exhibit empowers kids to take responsibility for their own well-being through 39 fun and interactive stations that engage the senses and open the mind to the benefits of healthy habits. [See YouTube Footage on the Exhibit =>](#)

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Give a Science Factory Membership Passport

for Christmas!



Entertaining, educational and thoroughly interactive, a Science Factory Membership Passport offers:

- Unlimited free admission to the Science Factory Exhibit Hall,
- Free admission or discounts to over 270 other Association of Science and Technology Centers (including the best in OR),
- Buy 1/get 1 free to 20 member facilities of the NW Association of Youth Museums,
- Discounts on summer camps, classes, birthday parties, and much more!

Join now and get ready for a fabulous year of family fun in 2010!

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Ever Wonder What's Way Out There?

Find the Stars at the Planetarium: Every Saturday and Sunday at 1pm in November^{***}, you are invited to view **Up in the Sky** at the Planetarium, an introduction to the planets and major stars and constellations of the night sky, combined with a presentation of associated astronomical stories, legends and myths from a variety of cultures. Created for all ages, this show is a wonderful way for families to enjoy time together, as well as a great opportunity for you and yours to get those perplexing astronomy questions answered! [More Info=>](#)

***** GO DUCKS!** The Science Factory is closed on Saturday, November 14th for the Ducks Football Game with Arizona State.

The Mad Scientist's Halloween Extravaganza was Fiendish Fun...

A thank you to all the Ghouls, Ghosts and Goblins that "apparated" in costume to the Mad Scientist's Halloween Extravaganza! The party featured spooky science demonstrations and zany experiments in our Mad Scientist's lab, spooktacular games and prizes in our horrifyingly fun Halloween Carnival, and the infamous pumpkin-flinging using our trebuchet! A big Thank You to Hentze Family Farms for donating the pumpkins.



Please note: We are closed on days with home Duck football games, so please plan accordingly. [See a list of football dates.](#)

Programming and Announcements

YES! YEA! Day:

Calling all Aspiring Heroes and Heroines on November 11 from 9 AM - 4 PM:

In association with the Young Writers Association, the Science Factor hosts Heroes and Heroines, a day of hands-on science, story and art activities for 1st through 5th graders in an imaginative exploration of ancient Greece. Enjoy searching for cultural artifacts as part of an archaeologist's team, perform experiments from bygone days, or even race a Greek trireme warship model! Registration deadline of November 6th is coming up fast, so don't miss it (Late registration \$5)!

[Download Our 2009 Registration Form =>](#)



Have You Ever Wanted to Make Your Own Web Page?

Don't Miss the Web Design Workshop from 9am - Noon November 7.

This workshop introduces kids to some of the basics of web design and teaches them how to build their own web page. Get ready to come up with web content, create cool designs, and see your very own web page come to life on the internet! This workshop is for 10-12 year olds and are \$18 for members and \$25 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. [Download Our 2009 Registration Form =>](#)



Tots Color Play!

Tot Discovery Day is on November 6 from 10 AM - Noon.

Tots are invited to mix it up with paint and light filters and in the process learn about primary and secondary colors. They might even find out what's really at the end of a rainbow!

For Adults: Science Pub at Cozmic Pizza: 7pm Thursday, November 12

Snowflakes, Stress and Semiconductors: Do you See a Pattern Here? If you doubt these three things have something in common, come on down to Cozmic Pizza for this informal get-together with Robert Taylor, Professor of Physics at University of Oregon, internationally recognized for his research into fractals (repeating patterns in nature). Taylor will discuss his research showing that patterns-within-patterns in nature as well as art may significantly reduce stress, and how this discovery may inform and ultimately affect the future of psychology, medicine and even the semiconductor industry.

Save These Dates!

Holiday Science Adventures on December 21, 22 and 23: Need relief from pre-Christmas excitement?

Think about signing up for our holiday science camps for ages 6-8. These fun half-day camps will take place from 9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm, with lunch care available, and they explore astronomy, dinosaurs, awesome animals, candy-making, toy engineering and how to have a green holiday.

Bird of Prey Day, Sunday, December 5th from 11am - 3pm: Plan to get up-close and personal with Hawks, Owls, and Educators from the Cascades Raptor Center right here at the Science Factory.

Science Fun Fact: What do you have in common with a snake?

You really are a Skin Shedding Machine:

Every minute, humans drop off 30,000 to 40,000 skin cells. As you probably already know, the skin does not come off as one large piece like a snake, but instead floats off into the air as microscopic dust. This actually helps us stay healthy, as the dead skin cells often carry away microbes that could cause infection. On average, humans shed about 40 pounds of skin in a lifetime.



Thank You, Volunteers!



For all you do...

Brittany Clingenpeel, Daniel Cordova, Hannah Froemming, Lee Ann Hansen, Mike Lobel, Leslie Lintner, Lisa Gai, Chloe Stiles, Mac Powers, Eleanor O'Campo, Bailey Streeter, Brandon Drecksler, Glen Ruderham, Nick Van Eekeren, Kenny Quinlen, Breanna, Ethan, and Elks Lodge 357 "Antlers" volunteers (for managing Game Day parking) ; **AND, we could not have done the Halloween Extravaganza without our Halloween volunteers...** Gunhee Hong, Alvaro Garay, Marty Ambros, Gonzalo Garay, Taylor Thompson, Kimberly Gwynne, Tasay Hagy, Sara Connors, Daniel Cordua, Sam Johnson, Bin Ahn, Kevin Gleim, Linda Gai, Kelsi Van Heise, Kilee Walker, Mekhala Dissanayake, Brittany Sundberg, Oresta Tolmach, David Kim, Erin Lashaway, Courtney Martin, Emily Beckstrand, Madelyn Damewood, Sarah Kerrigan, Elizabeth

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Welcome, New Science Factory Members!

Join us in welcoming our newest members:

Lisa and Hassan Ghandour, Shawna and Andrew Blankenship, Lori and Kris Stenshoel, Heather and Marc Robershaw, Shawn Litson and Mandy Bradly, Suzanne Matson and Chad Broadus, Rob and Ericko Fisher, Jessica and Ben Lambricht, Maluhia and Kenny Farr, Rachel Chester and Shane Billings, Terry Bishop and Gene Hoyle, Elizabeth and Josh Allen, Rani and Anthony Foster, Toby Lewis and Marx Garcia-Nunez, Anna and John Keenan-Mudrick, Trisha and Michael Dryden, Molly and Clark Barry, Rhianna Stuck, Megan Boyeas, Jennifer and Albert Ricker, Rosa Chavez and Michael Samano, Karl and Hope Mueller, Breanna and Bobby Kelley, Misti Jones, Emily Horton and Dustin Arnold Sr., Gina Herrmann and Mike Westland, Lisel and Graham Hilson, Michael S. and Stephine Stamper, Orion and Daphne Seaver, Kim and Rob Edwards, Jacob Weaver and Brynn Anderson, Cassandra and Nicholas Midnight, Joel and Wynona Burks, Riley D. Winder and Andrea R. Kilmer, Mark Stern and Erica Jean, Marifred Herst and Patsy Buley, Graig and Fawny Vernon, Melody and Holly Beller, Sara and Sean Sharp, Kristal and Dan Nease, Terri and Dan Hurley, Beth Cooke and Pat Putnam, Kevin Homer, Danny and Kim O'Neil, Lori and Rick Allen, Julia Olson and Pete Frost, Bethany Pettijohn, James and Atsulco Rawland, Kelsey and Jon Isaacson, Laura and James Anderson, Aurelia Leroux and Bea Rector, Agnes Wong and Steven Kembel.

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We hope to see you soon!

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