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**Summer Science Adventures and More!**



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From anatomy to zoology, wizards to wind power, software to sportswear, and crazy critters to nanotubes, we're getting kids engaged, excited and inspired about more areas of science and technology than ever before. Visit

[www.sciencefactory.org/camps](http://www.sciencefactory.org/camps) to learn about the exciting topics we'll cover this summer, find out about scholarship opportunities, and download registration forms. [More...](#)

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**IN THE EXHIBIT HALL:**

See **Toys: The Inside Story** through May 8, then...

**Brain Builder Bonanza**

Opens May 14

Brain teasers, mind bogglers, noodle knockers... whatever you want to call 'em, we'll have a collection of perplexing puzzles that will get your gray matter in gear! [More...](#)



**IN THE EXPLORATION DOME:**



**Bugs! A Rainforest Adventure**

Watch this fascinating 40-minute full-dome movie about the lives of Papilio, a butterfly, and Hierodula, a praying mantis, and their eventual dramatic encounter in the rainforest...

[See the trailer...](#)

**EVENTS:**

**Science Factory Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, May 10 from 5-6 pm

Members are invited to join us for our annual meeting to elect the Board of Directors in the Exploration Dome on Tuesday, May 10 from 5-6



pm. At this meeting we will unveil the plaque created by [Presentation Design Group, LLC](#) and erected in permanent recognition to all donors who gave to the Exploration Dome Be A Star Campaign in 2010. For Members only. [More...](#)



## **MAY IS MUSE MONTH!**

The Science Factory celebrates MUSE

([museumslanecounty.org](http://museumslanecounty.org)), a collaborative network of museums in the greater Eugene/Springfield area with these two events:



### **University Day**

**Saturday, May 21, 11 am - 3 pm.**

*Drop-in/Event free with exhibit hall admission.*

Professors and students from the University of Oregon visit the Science Factory to provide a science extravaganza full of hands-on demonstrations. Meet these scientists and the research going on right here in our community...

[More...](#)

### **MUSE at Cozmic Pizza Family Night**

**Wednesday, May 25, 6 - 8 pm**

Come and enjoy fun and educational hands-on activities provided by the museums of MUSE at Cozmic Pizza Family Night. [More...](#)

### **Special Open and Closed Days/Times**

**Mon., May 9 - Fri., May 13:**

The Exhibit Hall is **closed** for exhibit change.

**Wed., May 11 - Fri., May 13:** The Exploration Dome will show **Bugs! A Rainforest Adventure** at 11 am and 1 pm.

**Mon., May 30:** The museum is **closed** for Memorial Day.

### **More Programming & Announcements**

#### **Tot Discovery Day: Backyard Science**

**Friday, May 6, 9 am to noon**

*Science Factory Members: Free! Non-members: \$10 per parent/child combo. Additional children: \$2 each. Registration not required. Limited to children 5 and under, accompanied by parent or guardian.*

How does the sun cause colors to fade? How many legs does a centipede have? What adventures can you find in your own backyard? Join us to find out! [More...](#)



**Science Pub @ Cozmic Pizza: Promiscuous DNA: The Invasion, Spread, and Impact of Mobile Genes, with Dr. Sarah Schaack**

**Thursday, May 5, 7 - 9 pm (inside the Strand at 8th & Charnelton)**

**NOTE: One week early! For adults. Free.**

Did you know that mobile, parasitic genes account for more than half of the human genome? [More...](#)

## Girls' Science Adventures, for girls ages 10-12

**Saturday, May 14: Biology: Genetics of Life, 9 am - noon**

\$12 for members/\$18 for non-members. Pre-registration required.

In the 1950s, scientists discovered the molecule that carries the genetic code in every living organism. Since then, DNA has revolutionized the way we think about life... [More...](#)



## YES!YEA! No School Day: Flight!

**Friday, May 27, 9 am - 4 pm. Registration Deadline: May 20.**

Science Factory or YWA members: \$35 per program; Non-members: \$40 per program. Lunch care: \$3 per day. Late registration fee: \$5.

Rules for flying carpets and experiments in flight design... Expect a busy day as you design, engineer, imagine and create with your friends. [More...](#)

## New Book from Information Age Education

David Moursund has recently published a free book for K-8 teachers and parents of K-8 students:

[Moursund, David \(March, 2011\). Expanding the Science and Technology Learning Experiences of Children. Eugene, OR: Information Age Education.](#) This free 142-page book is designed to help improve Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics education for K-8 students. It is loaded with computer-based and by-hand activities for students, and it provides a discussion of the underlying educational value and purpose of these activities.



## We're a Blue Star Museum

From June 1 through September 4, 2011, we invite military personnel and their families to come to the Science Factory for free. Blue Star Museums is a partnership among Blue Star Families, the National Endowment for the Arts, and more than 1200 museums in all 50 states. For a list of participating museums, visit <http://www.arts.gov/national/bluestarmuseums/index2011.php>.

## Thank you Supporters

### General Operations

We are grateful to **Ken and Kenda Singer** and **Betsy Halpern** for giving to the Science Factory in support of General Operations. Thank you for your support!

### Summer Science Adventures Sponsors

Thank you again to [Life Technologies Corporation](#) and [Eugene Emeralds Professional Baseball Club](#) for supporting summer camps as Summer Camp Title Sponsors!



Thank you to Individual Camp Sponsors: **Walmart Supercenter Store #3258, Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Net), Emerald Empire Kiwanis, and Pacific Continental Bank.** Summer camp scholarships are supported by the **Eugene Elks**



**Lodge #357.** Additional scholarship support is provided by: **Pat Hoover, Jerry's Home Improvement Center, McKenzie Commercial Contractors,** and **Pacific Benefit Consultants, Inc.**

### In-Kind

Thank you to **John Simoni** for donating an inkjet printer, and **Thompson Landscape Company** for donating their services to improve and maintain our landscaping.

### Thank You Volunteers

#### Yahoo for Volunteers!



**Billy Apolo** has been volunteering in the Exploration Dome for over a year, assisting us by running full-dome movies and star shows whenever staff is not available to do so. Bill has been one of our most committed and outstanding volunteers and we greatly appreciate all the many hours he has given to the Science Factory. Yay Billy!

We would also like to thank **LeeAnn Hansen**, who volunteers in the office every week. We're not sure what we'd do without LeeAnn.

We thank **Nicole Suliteanu** and **Sarah Thorpe**, both of whom assisted us during YES!YEA! days in April.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted us in April as Exhibit Hall Guides: **Rachel Bigley, Cara Brasted, Anthony Butler, Chris Correll, Brittany George, Millie Haakanson, Lydia Hale, Alvaro Pizarro, Rebecca Silva, Allie Stiff, Nicole Suliteanu,** and **Liesl Van Ryswyk.**

We would like to thank the following Eugene Marathon Kids Run volunteers in advance: **Sami Nero, Margo Kahn, Maggie Schmaedick, Ken Ezaki, Vincent Vo, Elizabeth Davis, Stephanie McCumsey, Amber and Alisha Tabor, Trevor Wong, Brielle Winegar, Rebecca Silva, Jillian Tuttle, Bob Murray, David and Chloe Fulp,** and **Ray Hull.** You rock for getting up early!

### Welcome New Members

#### It's a brand new year of science fun with:

Jed & Christa Barteau, Carmen Bayley & Serena Rowland, Jonathan Bennett, Audrey & Trevor Betenson, Bruce Bowerman & Patricia Khuu, Susan Brenda, Gina Casassa, Jeremy Chambers & Bob Davis, Kam Chan, Jennifer Colson, William Coltrin & Susan Phillips, Jaime Schwarze Davies, Samuel & Katrina Decker, Debbie & David Deyhle, Melissa & Brian Donnelly, Eileen Erdelt & Susan Johnson, Maiko Hata, Caitlynn Hatteras, Jennifer Hermens & Judy Chesser, Cindy Herzog & Scott Morison, William Hunt, Carrey & Scott Hyder, Krystal Jackson & Scott Keller, Amanda & Travis Jensen, Jeremy Kaufman & Erin Royce, Lance & Ashanti Keith, Michael & Naomi Kesner, Jun & Sang Lee, Dawn Lesley & Ronnie Ray Carper, Lacey & Steve Loveall, Chunchi Maribona & Richard Mombell, Becky & Nathan Mason, Christine May & L. Scott Eaton, Greg & Sarah Meyer, Trisha Mitchell & Brie Bigghler, TeriAnn & Richard New, Jocelyn & Tom Park, Carol Peabody, Meghan Pelphrey, Carol & Jerry Prud'homme, Tracy & Joe Reed, Monique Ripley, Charlene & Manuel Ronquillo, Denise Rooker, Holly & George Santos, Ami Saries & Char Wall, Yasmin Staunau & Aaron Reicher, Kretha & Adam Stefanek, Cami & Jason Stubbs, Larissa & Justin Treat, Robyn & Jose Vega, Debra & Matt Velure, Michelle Wheeler, David Whippo, Stacy & Nathan Wiedenmann, Alice & Ross Williamson, Ardyn & Zac Wolfe, Andrea & Brent Woodrich, Sarah & James Worden.

We hope you've enjoyed this issue of the Science Factory eNews. If you have thoughts, feedback, questions or just want to say hello, please email us at

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We hope to see you soon!

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