

INFORMATION:

Hours

Monday – Saturday:
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday: Noon – 5 p.m.

Admission

Adult/Child: \$7

Children age 1 and younger and members: FREE!

Membership

Family SuperPass Membership:
\$110/year; \$210/2 years

Basic Family Membership:
\$70/year; \$130/2 years

Grandpass Membership:
\$70/year; \$130/2 years
(grandparents & all grandkids under 18)

Individual Membership:
\$50/year

Group Rates

Discounted group rates are available for tours, classes, museum rentals, and birthday parties. Reservations required.

Contact Us

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Our Mission

Create opportunities for joyful learning & discovery through hands-on experiences in the sciences & arts.

Home School Classes

Let these hands-on classes enhance your curriculum studies. This semester focuses on matters of scale; how we visualize, construct, and measure on different scales as well as what things exist at each scale.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call (815) 972- 2830 or stop by the Discovery Center Museum office during normal business hours. Payment must accompany registration. Class fees, unless otherwise indicated, are \$11 for members and \$13 for the general public; ages 7 and up. Registration begins December 19 for members, December 21 for public. Registration closes at 4:00 p.m. Friday of the week before each class.

Galactic Proportions

Wednesday, January 25

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Session 2: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Learn how exponents make numbers grow. Figure out the difference between light years and AUs, compare the sizes of stars, and get an inkling if the immensity of the Milky Way. We'll pop into the planetarium to travel through our solar system, and check out things of astronomical dimensions!

On a Global Scale

Wednesday, February 22

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Session 2: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Get your brain ready for planet-sized activities. Explore earthquakes; simulate volcanic eruptions; model plate tectonics; and discover Earthly ties to metric measurements as we focus on planet-sized phenomenon.

Microscopic Mysteries

Wednesday, March 21

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Session 2: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Peer through magnifying lenses and microscopes to see the unimaginable in ordinary objects. Examine cells, discover micro-organisms in pond scum, detect the differences in fibers, and more.

Unseen Science

Wednesday, April 25

Session 1: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.; Session 2: 11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Discover how size changes things as we delve into science that deals with things so small they can't even be seen! Examine red gold, drip some drops on stain-proof fabrics, dabble in heat-sensing crystals, and make your own iridescent page.

Home School Family Day: Robot Rendezvous

Wednesday, March 7

Session 1: 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Session 2: 11:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

This special day for kids and parents is all about Robotics! Parents and students learn together and explore binary code, create robots that can color, assemble robot parts and test for metal fatigue. In addition to class, plan to stay and visit our latest traveling exhibit *Robots: The Interactive Exhibition* and explore the rest of the museum. Fees include a one-hour classroom experience, admission to *Robots* and regular museum admission. This class is appropriate for students age 5 and up.

One child plus adult: \$7 Members / \$17 Public.
Each additional child: \$5 Members / \$10 Public.
Additional adults: \$2 Members / \$7 Public.

