



# discovery center MUSEUM

Fall 2011

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## *Peanuts* exhibition sure to be big hit

# PEANUTS... *Naturally*

Charlie Brown is in trouble with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Lucy knows the Earth has 48 suns, and Snoopy and Linus are planting french fries in the garden. These are just a few of the misadventures and explanations gone wrong as the *Peanuts* Gang explores the natural world—what other trouble will they find?!

*Peanuts... Naturally*, opening on Saturday, October 1 at Discovery Center, takes a light-hearted look at Charles Schulz's exploration of the natural world through *Peanuts* comic strips, videos, objects, and interactive stations. Visitors get a *Peanuts*-eye view of the universe, "web of nature," trees, birds, the elements (snow, wind, rain, and clouds), gardening, and Charlie Brown's EPA escapade. More scientifically-oriented interactive stations allow children of all ages, from pre-school to adults, to learn more about and appreciate the wonders of the natural world.

Schulz, who created the *Peanuts* comic strip for nearly 50 years, was immensely curious, an avid reader, and took a keen interest in the latest research findings in a variety of fields. It is not a surprise that many of these findings and facts found their way into Schulz's comic strip carefully interpreted through his characters' unique, and sometimes wacky, understanding of their world.

**Discovery Center will offer a variety of *Peanuts*-related special events and classes this fall. See page 6 for a complete listing. Admission to the exhibition is \$1 Members; \$3 Public + Museum admission; or \$2 + Museum group admission for groups of 10 or more with advance reservations.**

*Peanuts... Naturally* is organized and toured by the Charles M. Schulz Museum and Research Center, Santa Rosa, California.

It is sponsored locally by:



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See page 6 for *Peanuts* events!

## 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.

## Discovery Center and Rockford School District #205 form innovative educational partnership

Discovery Center Museum and District 205 are forming a partnership to launch an innovative after-school and family-focused science and literacy educational effort entitled *LEAP Into Science*. Discovery Center, in conjunction with the Rockford Public School District's After School Achievement Program, is one of 10 partnerships nationwide selected to launch a program modeled after the highly successful *LEAP into Science* museum/library partnership between Philadelphia's Franklin Institute and The Free Library of Philadelphia.

*LEAP into Science's* program model engages children and families in science and literacy learning. The model's central goal is to demonstrate how museums, libraries, and other educational institutions across the country can partner together to enhance the capacity of underserved communities to engage children and families in science. Discovery Center will pilot the program as part of the 21st Century Community Learning Center After School Achievement Program in ten Rockford Public Schools.

Funded by a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant, *LEAP into Science* aims to achieve the following impacts:

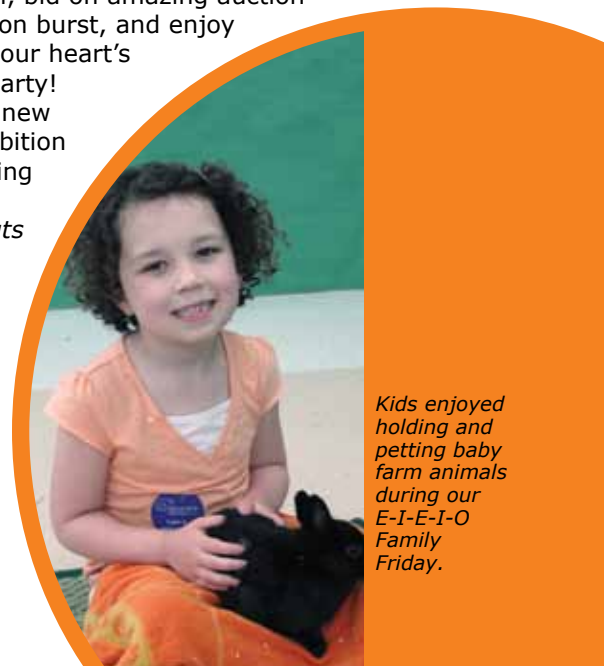
- Increase science interest, understanding, and engagement by involving underserved families in cross-generational science experiences.
- Make science accessible to a diverse audience by bringing science activities into community settings and promoting the use of museums and libraries.
- Build community capacity and provide training and experience in informal science education to afterschool staff.
- Disseminate effective resources and strategies for connecting science and literacy to expansion sites nationwide.

## Don't miss 30th Anniversary Family Ball

Enjoy a magical evening with your whole family at Discovery Center while supporting 30 years of discovery! The Discovery Center Auxiliary is busy at work planning this fall fundraiser and anniversary celebration. The event will be held Saturday, October 15, 2011 from 5:30 to 10:00 p.m. at Discovery Center.

Dance to the tunes of Cover Story, enjoy a delectable dinner that is sure to please both adults and children, bid on amazing auction items, take a chance on the balloon burst, and enjoy the exhibits after hours. Play to your heart's content with the added fun of a party! Children will enjoy the Museum's new *Peanuts...Naturally* traveling exhibition and parents will enjoy remembering the antics of Charlie Brown, Lucy, Snoopy and the rest of the *Peanuts* gang. Come help us celebrate 30 years of creating opportunities for joyful learning and discovery through hands-on play. Tickets are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children.

For more information, to make reservations or to donate call 815-972-2839.



Kids enjoyed holding and petting baby farm animals during our E-I-E-I-O Family Friday.

## Fall Events

### Worldwide Day of Play

September 24; 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

September 24 is the official day to turn off ALL things electronic, get off the couch, and go PLAY! Nickelodeon is partnering with Let's Move Museums & Gardens, a comprehensive initiative launched by First Lady Michelle Obama, in hosting Worldwide Day of Play events in local communities across the country in celebration of healthy, active play.

Visit Discovery Center and participate in a fitness scavenger hunt through our exhibits and find your way through the healthy choices maze in the Outdoor Science Park. Participate in an obstacle course through Imagination Playground. Check out the Body Shop while you test your balance, challenge your coordination, and measure your strength as you discover more about the body in which you live. Included with Museum admission.

### Peanuts...Naturally Grand Opening

Saturday-Sunday, October 1-2

Get a head start on fall with Charlie Brown and the *Peanuts* gang. Make art with leaves from the kite-eating tree, try out different bird calls with Woodstock's friends, make a twirling toy that flies like a football, and test the sincerity of our pumpkin patch with Linus and Sally. Special activities are included with admission to Discovery Center and *Peanuts...Naturally*, \$1/person for Members; \$2/person for Public.



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### Smashing Pumpkins

Sunday, November 6; 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Calling all jack-o-lanterns! Dead pumpkins become parking lot projectiles when flung from our giant trebuchet! Bring your used pumpkin, create your own catapult, and learn how to lob. Find out about the plants responsible for the spices as Discovery Center Museum teams up with Nicholas Conservatory for a smashing good time. Included with Discovery Center admission.

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### Busy Winter Days

December 20-30; 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Explore the shapes of the season with hands-on crafts, puzzles, and fun art projects. Included with Discovery Center admission.

### Countdown to Fun!

Friday, December 31; 12:30-4:30 p.m.

Crafts, games, music and art come together as we count down to midnight—somewhere in the world! Ring in the New Year with music from Kantorei, the singing boys of Rockford. Join in the fun with party hats, confetti, favors and more! Included with Discovery Center admission.

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Sunday, January 8; 1:00-4:00 p.m.

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Kids create messy masterpieces during a Tot Spot class.



## Tot Spot Classes

**Cost:**  
**\$12 public**  
**\$10 members**

Our 2-year-old classes offer special interactive opportunities, so children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult with **NO SIBLINGS**, please.

### Construction Zone

Get down to the nuts and bolts of building. Dig in and learn about construction – the trucks and people who build things! Nail down a take home project and cement the day with a tasty treat!

#### Sessions for 3 – 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Sept. 27; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 2 Tues., Sept. 27; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 3 Wed., Sept. 28; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 4 Wed., Sept. 28; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 5 Wed., Sept. 28; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 6 Thurs., Sept. 29; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 7 Fri., Sept. 30; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 8 Sat., Oct. 1; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 9 Sat., Oct. 1; 11:00 a.m. – Noon

#### Sessions for 2-year-olds:

(With an adult, NO siblings, please.)  
 Session 10, Tues., Sept. 27; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 11, Thurs., Sept. 29; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 12, Fri., Sept. 30; 11:00 a.m. – Noon

### Nuts about Squirrels

Find out why our busy squirrel friends start to scurry when leaves begin to fall. Enjoy a nutty snack before it's time to hibernate!

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Session 1 Tues., Oct. 11; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 2 Tues., Oct. 11; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 3 Wed., Oct. 12; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 4 Wed., Oct. 12; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 5 Wed., Oct. 12; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 6 Thurs., Oct. 13; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 7 Fri., Oct. 14; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 8 Sat., Oct. 15; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 9 Sat., Oct. 15; 11:00 a.m. – Noon

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Come play with Charlie Brown, Lucy and Linus as you explore *Peanuts...Naturally*, Discovery Center's special exhibit this fall and learn some pumpkin facts at the same time. Woodstock will be there to help you make a special piece of art and then have a snack that looks like Snoopy.

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 Session 2 Tues., Oct. 25; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 3 Wed., Oct. 26; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 4 Wed., Oct. 26; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 5 Wed., Oct. 26; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 6 Thurs., Oct. 27; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 7 Fri., Oct. 28; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 8 Sat., Oct. 29; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
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 Session 11, Thurs., Oct. 27; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 12, Fri., Oct. 28; 11:00 a.m. – Noon

## Squanto's Thanksgiving

Travel back in time to the original Thanksgiving when Squanto and the first Americans helped the Pilgrims. Learn to plant corn, string feathers and beads to create a native necklace and share a Thanksgiving feast with your new friends.

#### Sessions for 3 – 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Nov. 15; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 2 Tues., Nov. 15; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 3 Wed., Nov. 16; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 4 Wed., Nov. 16; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 5 Wed., Nov. 16; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 6 Thurs., Nov. 17; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 7 Fri., Nov. 18; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 8 Sat., Nov. 19; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 9 Sat., Nov. 19; 11:00 a.m. – Noon

#### Sessions for 2-year-olds:

(With an adult, NO siblings, please.)  
 Session 10, Tues., Nov. 15; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 11, Thurs., Nov. 17; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 12, Fri., Nov. 18; 11:00 a.m. – Noon

## Gingerbread Jamboree

M-m-m-m...ginger, cinnamon, jingles and jangles! Explore the festive tastes and scents and sounds of the season using your 5 senses. Play with spicy play dough and decorate your own gingerbread cookie. Finish with a jumpin', jivin', jingle bell jamboree!!!

#### Sessions for 3 – 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Dec. 6; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 2 Tues., Dec. 6; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 3 Wed., Dec. 7; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 4 Wed., Dec. 7; 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 5 Wed., Dec. 7; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.  
 Session 6 Thurs., Dec. 8; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 7 Fri., Dec. 9; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 8 Sat., Dec. 10; 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 9 Sat., Dec. 10; 11:00 a.m. – Noon

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 Session 10, Tues., Dec. 6;  
 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.  
 Session 11, Thurs., Dec. 8;  
 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
 Session 12, Fri., Dec. 9;  
 11:00 a.m. – Noon

To register, call  
**815-963-6769.**

Registration begins August 29 for members and August 31 for Public.

## Home School Classes

Let these hands-on classes enhance your science curriculum studies. Preregistration required. To register, call (815) 972-2844 or drop by the Discovery Center Museum office during normal business hours. Payment must accompany registration. Class registration starts August 29 for Members and August 31 for the general public. Class fees unless otherwise indicated: \$11 Members / \$13 Public; ages 7 and up. Registration closes 5:00 p.m. Friday of the week before class.

### Respiratory and Digestive Systems

Wednesday, September 28; 10:00-11:30 a.m.

You eat and breathe everyday, but what happens to the food and air once it enters your body? Find out as you meet "Mr. Guts," see real lungs and make models to take home!

### Circulatory and Excretory Systems

Wednesday, October 26; 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Learn how blood cells transport food and oxygen and then help your body get rid of carbon dioxide and waste. Team up and play the circulatory system game, compare different types of sweat and learn about your body's filters!

### Homeschool Day: Earth is our Home

Wednesday, November 2; 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Recommended for all ages

Explore dimensions of this small blue planet with hands-on activities. Look through the eyes of the *Peanuts* characters as you visit *Peanuts...Naturally*. Then come to the classrooms for a more in-depth look as we build a barometer, learn why leaves change color, conduct feather explorations, and more.

\$2 Members \$8 Public

### Nervous and Muscular Systems

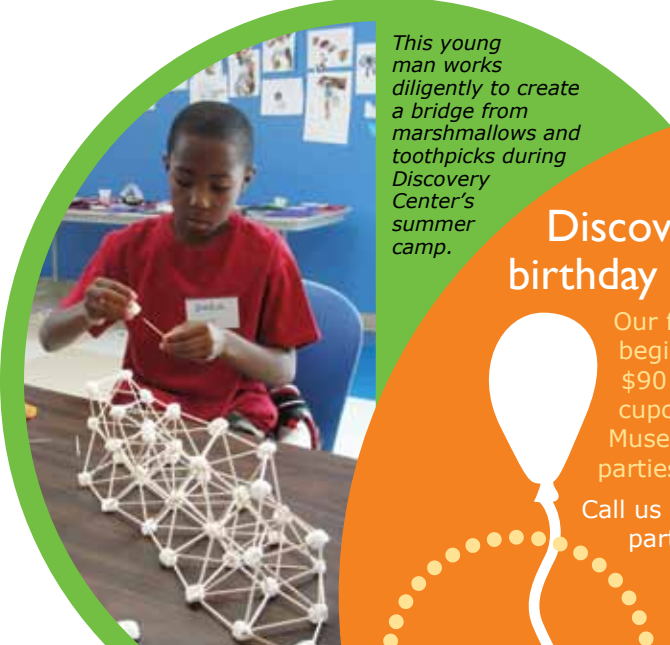
Wednesday, November 16; 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Did you know that you can play tricks on your brain? Test how well your brain receives and sends messages, determine your nerve density, and put your senses to the test. Study the muscles that make you move; identify pairs of muscles that work together, and learn some muscle tricks too!

### Discovery Center CSI

Wednesday, December 7; 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Do you have what it takes to solve a crime? Learn the skills of forensic science as you lift latent fingerprints, dissect hand-writing samples and analyze hair under a microscope. Finish by helping us identify the criminal!



This young man works diligently to create a bridge from marshmallows and toothpicks during Discovery Center's summer camp.

## Discovery Center Museum has birthday parties down to a science!

Our fun-filled, hassle-free parties begin at just \$100 for Non-members and \$90 for Members and include invitations, cupcakes, punch, exploration time in the Museum and more! Special activity and pizza parties are available for additional fees.

Call us at 815.963.6769 to reserve your child's party or for additional information.

## Kids Classes

### Computer Tech

Saturday, October 22; 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Have you ever wondered how a computer works? Here's your chance to find out and go home with a computer you put together. Entre Computer Solutions is providing the know-how and materials for this exciting opportunity. Each student will take home a new computer with Windows 7 and a used monitor. Enrollment limited to 10 students in grades 5-8. \$165 class / Optional new 17" flat screen monitor an additional \$90.

### Cartooning Workshop

Oct. 22 or Dec 3; 10:00 a.m. - Noon

Learn to draw cartoons! Cartoonist Bruce Quast will show you how to draw Snoopy and Charlie Brown as well as other cartoon favorites. You'll also learn techniques used by cartoon pros, and how to create your own cartoon characters.

Ages 8 & older

Cost: \$11 Members, \$13 Public

## Family Classes

### At the Heart of Halloween

Sunday, October 23; 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Get ready for Halloween in this class where the eerie and gross things are not simply props. Get hands-on as you dissect a pig heart, look at blood cells under a microscope and learn how to creep out your friends!

First child per family (includes one heart to dissect): Members \$6 / Public \$12

Each additional child: Members \$3 / Public \$5;

Adults no charge

Additional hearts to dissect are available for \$5 each

### Gingerbread House

Sunday, November 27; 1:30-3:00 p.m.

Decorate a Gingerbread House to take home! We supply the house and all the tools and trimmings, plus clean up all the mess - you get all the fun and the finished masterpiece. Sampling is encouraged in this hands-on class about structures, sticky things, and art.

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## Peanuts Events

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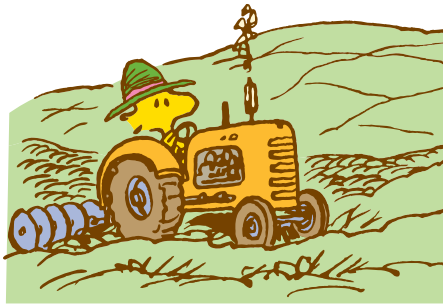
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# Grants & Gifts News

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## Grants, Sponsorships & Corporate Donations

Superior Joining Technologies  
- \$10,000

CWB Foundation - \$2,750

Janet A. Kjellstrom Fund of the  
Community Foundation of  
Northern Illinois - \$2,500

NASA/National Space Grant  
Foundation - \$2,500

Riverside Community Bank - \$2,500

WilliamsMcCarthy LLP - \$2,500

Maplehurst Farms Inc. -\$2,000

Target - \$2,000

Illinois Space Grant

Consortium - \$1,500

Aqua-Aerobic Systems, Inc. - \$1,000

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If you or your organization would be interested in partnering with Discovery Center to sponsor an event or exhibit, please contact Lynn Momberger at 815-972-2834 or [lynnm@discoverycentermuseum.org](mailto:lynnm@discoverycentermuseum.org).

You can also Donate Online to support Discovery Center Museum exhibits, programs, classes and outreach at [www.discoverycentermuseum.org](http://www.discoverycentermuseum.org). Click on *Support the Museum*, then click on *Donate*. Thank you.

## Morning of fun for everyone!

We invite children with disabilities and their families to experience Discovery Center's multisensory exhibits and activities. Families will have the opportunity to enjoy having the museum to themselves on Saturday, October 29 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Children and families can play at Discovery Center before the museum opens to the general public. Staff from the Rockford Park District's Therapeutic Recreation Department will be on hand. Call 815-963-6769 to make a reservation.

## Messy Monday

Leave the mess at our place on Monday, October 10 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Cartoonist Bruce Quast will lead children in creating cartoons with a *Peanuts* theme. Messy Monday is included with Museum admission.

## Musical to be performed at Discovery Center

The whole *Peanuts* gang will come to life at Discovery Center to entertain and educate visitors when the Youth Theater Project performs the award winning musical comedy, *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown*. Under the direction of Phil Cooper, children will perform the two-hour musical at Discovery Center on three weekends...one each in October, November and December. For more information about the Youth Theater Project, log on to [www.ctpytp.org](http://www.ctpytp.org)

Dates: Oct. 7-9; Nov. 11-13; Dec. 9-11;

Fridays at 7:00 p.m.;

Sat. & Sun. at 2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$7/person for performance only; \$15/person (or \$8/person for Discovery Center Members) for performance, Museum and *Peanuts* exhibit. Tickets can be ordered through the theater's website or by purchasing at Discovery Center.



These future female engineers work with circuits during Discovery Center's summer camp.

# Usborne Book Fair at Discovery Center



Discovery Center will be hosting an Usborne Book Fair on Thanksgiving weekend, November 25, 26 & 27, during normal business hours of 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; Noon to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Usborne books are exciting and interactive books that kids love. Full of information, internet links and lavish illustrations, these books appeal to kids, parents, and teachers alike. Lots of choices for babies, children and teens. All purchases benefit Discovery Center Museum. Get a great book, make a child happy, and support Discovery Center.



## We need your trash!

We need toilet paper tubes and paper towel tubes for activities in our after school program. Just one activity on one day can call for 500 tubes! So please save those tubes!



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## Spin to leave September 6

If you haven't taken a spin on Spin yet, you'd better hurry! This traveling exhibit is here through September 6. Take a ride on a segway; go for a spin in the giant centrifuge; and learn about the science of rotation.

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## Teacher open house

Calling all educators! Our museum campus will host an open house for teachers on Tuesday, October 18 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Museum educators from Discovery Center, Burpee, Rockford Art Museum, and other arts organizations will present exciting information and demonstrations. Teachers will have opportunities for hands-on activities and are encouraged to tour the museums as well. CPDUs are available.

## Coming January 2012 Robots: The Interactive Experience

Robots characters, from the 20th Century Fox animated feature of the same name, introduce visitors to the exciting and ever-expanding field of robotics.



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90 youth  
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 preparation, activity implementation, face  
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 volunteers!

