

Science is in Full Swing This Summer at Arizona Science Center

Suds! Spiders! Structures All Summer Long

PHOENIX, AZ – May 25, 2021 – Suds! Spiders! Structures! Beginning June 1, <u>Arizona Science</u> <u>Center</u> will be open seven days a week, offering an inspiring and captivating array of new exhibits and summer camps.

"As increased COVID vaccination rates reduce community spread in the Phoenix metro region, we are thrilled to return to being open daily once again," said Dean Briere, Arizona Science Center's Interim CEO. "We are especially excited to be more accessible as the weather outside heats up, since it is always a cool and comfortable 74 degrees inside the Science Center!"

Last month, the Science Center opened <u>POP! The Science of Bubbles</u>. This hands-on, engaging experience allows visitors to create bubbles with wands of all shapes and sizes, with a massive bubble dropping every 15-20 minutes. These activities help kids explore a broad range of math and science concepts including elasticity, surface tension, evaporation, and geometry.

For those drawn to living creatures—especially the eight-legged variety—<u>The Art and Science of Arachnids</u> opens on May 28. This exhibition features three different themed "cubes," holding a total of 100 live arachnids. The Science Cube showcases arachnids that are **not** spiders or scorpions; the Arts Cube illustrates arachnids featured in popular film, literature, and music; and the Culture Cube highlights arachnid folklore and mythology, arachnid conservation, and arachnids as food.

Want to try your hand at being an architect, structural engineer, or a materials scientist? Starting on June 19, visitors can explore basic design and engineering concepts as they build, test, and tinker in the new <u>Build It</u> exhibition. Using a variety of different materials, including cardboard, Legos, blocks, etc., guests of all ages can design and construct objects from bridges to buildings—and everything in between.

For parents looking to keep their kids engaged and learning during summer break, the Science Center still has a few spots left in <u>CAMP INNOVATION</u>. With both in-person and virtual options, there are a wide range of fun, interactive 5-day a week camps for students grades 1 - 8. For girls grades 8-10, the Science Center offers a 10-day camp for girls to explore a broad range of STEM careers and learn about connections between science, technology, engineering, math, and art.



Ready to plan your visit? Arizona Science Center offers a wide-range of pricing including the *Museums for All* program that provides admission to the Science Center for EBT cardholders through SNAP or TANF. Cardholders receive general admission for \$3 per person for themselves and up to three others.

Additionally, Arizona Science Center is a proud Blue Star Museum granting FREE general admission for active duty personnel and up to five family members through Labor Day. Valid identification is required.

For more information or to reserve your tickets today, visit azscience.org or call 602.716.2028.

ABOUT ARIZONA SCIENCE CENTER

The mission of Arizona Science Center is to inspire, educate and engage curious minds through science. The Center is committed to providing a safe environment that aligns with expert protocols for COVID-19. Leadership actively monitors and evolves policies to ensure a focus on the health and safety of guests and team members. The Center, located at 600 E. Washington Street in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, a range of interactive online science content, the state-of-the-art Dorrance Planetarium and the five-story Irene P. Flinn Giant Screen Theater. CREATE at Arizona Science Center®, adjacent to the main building, is the newest addition. This 6,500 square foot community makerspace provides workshops, including 3D printing, laser cutting, woodworking and sewing. The Center offers programs for all ages, including Camp Innovation, Teen programs, Professional Development and Learning for Educators, and adults' night out: Science With A Twist. The Center also offers a broad range of online science learning resources for parents, educators, students and anyone curious about science. For further details, please visit azscience.org.

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