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GREAT BALLS OF FIRE!

September 30–
January 14

There's more in outer space than stars and planets! Come explore the mysteries of other celestial objects at Discovery Center's new temporary exhibition—**Great Balls of Fire: Comets, Asteroids, and Meteors**. Opening September 30, take yourself on an astronomical adventure as you climb into a "spaceship" and blast off to the asteroid belt and Jupiter on a mission to gather data about asteroids and comets. Role play as an "explorer-in-training" to gather data about differences in asteroids, planets, and comets. Use these interactive experiences to:

- Find out where comets come from and how they are formed.
- Experiment with the forces that influence the path of an object through the solar system.
- Determine the positioning of asteroid belts and comets when you create a solar system of your own, and
- Determine whether those Hollywood movie scenes are science or fiction.

Meanwhile, find out what happens back on Earth as you take an interactive look at meteors and impacts through a variety of experiences. Did the catastrophic event that did-in the dinos come from outer space, and could it happen again? Find out if meteor showers are caused by chunks of rock or bits of dust. Use scientific tests on a suspected rock to see if it really is a fallen meteorite...or a "meteor wrong".

Your family will want to stay and explore more in this colorful exhibition developed by the Space Science Institute (SSI). **Thanks to premiere sponsor Woodward with additional support from Forest City Gear**, Discovery Center joins SSI in their mission to share the joy of science and educate communities. *Great Balls of Fire* runs September 30, 2017 through January 14, 2018. Admission is \$10 public (includes museum admission), and members are free.




Public: \$10
(includes general admission)
Members: FREE



INFORMATION:

Hours

Monday - Sunday: 10 am - 5 pm

Admission

Adult/Child: \$8
Children age 1 and younger and Members: FREE!

Membership

CLIMB SuperPass: \$150/year

Family SuperPass: \$125/year; \$250/2 years

Family Membership: \$85/year; \$160/2 years

Grandparent Membership: \$85/year; \$160/2 years

Individual Membership: \$55/year; \$100/2 years

Group Rates

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

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Our Mission

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

SAVE THE DATE to Sip, Sample & Support!

Discovery Center welcomes all big kids ages 21 and older to join us for our signature fundraiser, **Discover the Spirits**, when it rematerializes 7:30 to 10:30 pm on Friday, October 13. This enjoyable event features samples of more than 80 unique spirits from regional and Chicago-based distilleries, available for purchase, and guaranteed to please your palette.

As you unwind at this relaxing evening at the museum, you can pair your beverage sips with savory bites from the best bistros, and try tasty tidbits from the area's favorite restaurants. Wander through the exhibit galleries where live music from local bands will soothe and refresh, and on-going science experiments and explosions will amaze and amuse. Auction items sure to allure include the American Girl Doll's Girl of the Year, Lea Clark, sports memorabilia, and passes to Disney World.

Complete the evening's escapades by experiencing Discovery Center's newest temporary exhibit without the kids! Visit **Great Balls of Fire: Comets, Asteroids, and Meteors**, where you can design your own solar system, hold a comet in your hand, take a meteoritic sampling, and find out just how big space is. Get the skinny on whether space debris doomed the dinosaurs, and find out just how hard it would be for Han Solo to navigate a real asteroid field.

As always, proceeds from **Discover the Spirits** benefits Discovery Center's educational programs. Where else can you have a galactic good time while helping such a wonderful organization. Treat yourself to this one-of-a-kind event and purchase on our website today! Cost: \$50/person.

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New Tot Spot role-play area

"Where does it hurt?" You're likely to hear that phrase often in the new Tot Spot role-play area—OSF Children's Hospital—opening this October. We'll encourage your youngsters to be the ones to ask, "Where does it hurt?" in this immersive environment that helps introduce them to what doctors and medical professionals do.

Kids can load up the ambulance, turn on lights and siren, and radio the approach to the hospital. Meanwhile, there are tasks to perform, including checking blood pressure, administering CPR, and starting the flow of a patient's oxygen. Once at the hospital, pretend play includes patient check-in and exam, taking X-rays, using a stethoscope, and giving shots.

In hospital's orthopedic area, don't forget to try on a cast for an arm or leg, or apply one to a friend or family member. And the hospital nursery is the perfect place to pretend about real baby care including feeding, diapering, and weighing.

Who knows: Discovery Center's newest role play area may make a child more comfortable with the idea of a visit to a medical office, or light a youngster's spark of imagination about a medical career! Many thanks to **OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital of Illinois** for sponsoring this exhibit area.



Fall Events

All activities included with museum admission, unless otherwise noted

Bubble Festival

Saturday, September 9

Performances at 9 am; 10:30 am; Noon; 1:30 pm; 2:30 pm & 3:30 pm
Tickets in advance: \$5 Public; \$4 Members
At the Door: \$6 Public; \$5 Members;
Museum admission is extra

Make reservations on our website or by phone.

Join Discovery Center in welcoming bubble-celebrity Geoffrey Akins back for his live performances and soapy science fun. After the show, join us in the Bubble-Palooza Playground to try a few of Geoff's tricks, and create some of your own as you test your sudsy skills with bubble activities for the whole family! **Sponsored by Alpine Bank.**



Worldwide Day of Play

Saturday, September 23; 11:00 am-3:00 pm

Get off the couch, get up and play on this official day to turn off electronics! Find all the fun with our special scavenger hunt. Play indoor dodge ball, take part in a virtual snow boarding competition, race your friend, test your strength, and more!

Great Balls of Fire Grand Opening

Saturday, September 30; 10:00-5:00 pm

\$10 Public; Free to Members

Hold a comet in your hand, put the solar system in your pocket, and get ready for galactic fun. Create a crater, assess an asteroid, and more. Get a free ticket to a planetarium show with admission to this special exhibition. **Thanks to Premier Sponsor by Woodward, with support from Forest City Gear.**



Spooky Science

Friday, October 27; 6:00-9:00 pm

\$9 Public; \$5 Members

Zombies on ziplines and creepy crafts are just the beginning of this enchanting evening! Sleuth through the Science Park in the dark, gather goodies for your treat bag, and attain awards. Fill in your bingo card with the facts and feats of dead scientists and expired engineers, pick up a prize from Alfred Nobel, and have a bone-tickling time in a special science show geared for grown-up ghouls, mid-sized monsters, and pint-sized poltergeists. Come in costume for this non-scary Halloween festival of fun! **Sponsored by Meijer, Greenlee and Viking Chemical.**



Smashing Pumpkins

Sunday, November 5; 1:00-4:00 pm

Why squander that worn-out jack-o-lantern when you can transform it into exciting science? Convert your porch décor into a pumpkin projectile and explore Newton's laws of motion using our giant trebuchet! Or, add your carved creation to a colossal orange edifice for target practice! Plus, construct a mini-catapult of your own, create a craft, design autumn artwork, and fashion a feeder for feathered friends. When the launching ends, pumpkin pieces are collected and fed to local livestock—everybody wins as we celebrate the harvest with a smashing good time!



Black Light Friday

Friday, November 24; 11:30 am-3:30 pm

Find out what puts the "glow" in neon colors and wow your senses with fabulous fluorescence. Gain an understanding of the electromagnetic spectrum and experiment with light and color. Make an image using fiber optics, light up some LEDs, and cause colors to change using light!

Sponsored by Sjostrom & Sons, Inc.

Small Science Saturday

Saturday, November 25; 11:30 am-3:30 pm

Small is mighty on the nano-scale. Explore the huge impact this teeny tiny science already has on your life. Make a splash with gravity-defying feats, bend metal like magic, witness amazing demonstrations, combine carbons, and more! **Sponsored by Sjostrom & Sons, Inc.**



Holiday Hoopla

December 26-30; 11:30-3:30 pm

Discovery Center transforms into post-holiday headquarters as we merge hands-on arts and crafts with science, math, and engineering. Partake in a multitude of maker activities as you invent delightful ornaments and toys. Plus, vote for your favorite cookie, create a pretty pattern, solve puzzles, and discover hidden shapes.

Countdown to Fun!

Sunday, December 31; 12:30-4:30 pm

This is the place to ring in the New Year all afternoon with an energetic blend of math, physics, fun, and art. Design your own party hat, craft a noise maker, and get ready to be showered with confetti. Rick Shark and Ryan Seahorse are your hosts each hour as we track the New Year across the globe and count down to fun! **Sponsored by OSF HealthCare.**



Messy Mondays

Messy Mondays feature special theme-focused art projects in our Art Studio. Dates occur on federal and school holidays and throughout the summer. Messy Mondays are from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm and are included with museum admission.



September 4 **Glow in the Dark Spin Art**
Labor Day

October 9 **Marshmallow Painting**
Columbus Day



Messy Mondays are sponsored by Lenox Healthcare for Women



Tot Spot



Cost: \$12 Public / \$10 Members (per child, per class)

Registration required; payment must accompany registration. Please visit our website to register or call 815-963-6769.

In our classes for 2-year-olds, children must be accompanied by an adult.

Adults are not required to attend classes for 3- to 6-year olds but are welcome to come in to observe the class.

Puppy Dog Tails

Puppy eyes, puppy ears and puppy noses all have important jobs to do! Hear puppy "tails" worth barking about and make a special dog to take home.

Sessions for 3 to 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Sept. 12; 11:00-Noon
Session 2 Wed., Sept 13; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 3 Wed., Sept. 13; 11:00-Noon
Session 4 Wed., Sept. 13; 1:00-2:00 pm
Session 5 Thurs., Sept 14; 11:00-Noon
Session 6 Fri., Sept 15; 9:30-10:30 am

Sessions for 2-year-olds:

Session 7 Tues., Sept. 12; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 8 Thurs., Sept. 14; 9:30-10:30 am

Who-o-o's There?

Swoop down and discover fun facts about our fine-feathered friend, the owl. Glide into learning and create a project worth hooting about!

Sessions for 3 to 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Oct 10; 11:00-Noon
Session 2 Wed., Oct 11; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 3 Wed., Oct 11; 11:00-Noon
Session 4 Wed., Oct 11; 1:00-2:00 pm
Session 5 Thurs., Oct 12; 11:00-Noon
Session 6 Fri., Oct 13; 9:30-10:30 am

Sessions for 2-year-olds:

Session 7 Tues., Oct 10; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 8 Thurs., Oct 12; 9:30-10:30 am

Going to the Doctor

Open your imagination and say aaaaaah! Let's pretend and practice being doctors and patients as we examine equipment and spend time in our new Tot Spot OSF HealthCare Children's Hospital.

Sessions for 3 to 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Nov 7; 11:00-Noon
Session 2 Wed., Nov 8; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 3 Wed., Nov 8; 11:00-Noon
Session 4 Wed., Nov 8; 1:00-2:00 pm
Session 5 Thurs., Nov 9; 11:00-Noon
Session 6 Fri., Nov 10; 9:30-10:30 am

Sessions for 2-year-olds:

Session 7 Tues., Nov 7; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 8 Thurs., Nov 9; 9:30-10:30 am

Reindeer Games

Travel north to find the wintery zone where real reindeer roam. Prance with us into frosty fun, play reindeer games, and assemble your own version of a famous red-nosed reindeer.

Sessions for 3 to 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Dec 12; 11:00-Noon
Session 2 Wed., Dec 13; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 3 Wed., Dec 13; 11:00-Noon
Session 4 Wed., Dec 13; 1:00-2:00 pm
Session 5 Thurs., Dec 14; 11:00-Noon
Session 6 Fri., Dec 15; 9:30-10:30 am

Sessions for 2-year-olds:

Session 7 Tues., Dec 12; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 8 Thurs., Dec 14; 9:30-10:30 am



Fantastic Five Senses

Cinnamon, cider and a chill in the air: our senses tell us when it's autumn. Come play and explore the sights, sounds, smells, tastes and textures of fall!

Sessions for 3 to 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Sept. 26; 11:00-Noon
Session 2 Wed., Sept 27; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 3 Wed., Sept. 27; 11:00-Noon
Session 4 Wed., Sept. 27; 1:00-2:00 pm
Session 5 Thurs., Sept 28; 11:00-Noon
Session 6 Fri., Sept 29; 9:30-10:30 am

Sessions for 2-year-olds:

Session 7 Tues., Sept. 26; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 8 Thurs., Sept. 28; 9:30-10:30 am

Silly Scarecrows

Who's scared of a scarecrow? Have fun with a festival of fall activities and discover why these life-size dolls are found in fields as you assemble your own silly scarecrow to take home.

Sessions for 3 to 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Oct 24; 11:00-Noon
Session 2 Wed., Oct 25; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 3 Wed., Oct 25; 11:00-Noon
Session 4 Wed., Oct 25; 1:00-2:00 pm
Session 5 Thurs., Oct 26; 11:00-Noon
Session 6 Fri., Oct 27; 9:30-10:30 am

Sessions for 2-year-olds:

Session 7 Tues., Oct 24; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 8 Thurs., Oct 26; 9:30-10:30 am

Build It!

The Three Little Pigs used straw, sticks and bricks. You'll build a house out of recycled materials and test its strength in the huffs and puffs of our Big Bad Wolf fan!

Sessions for 3 to 6-year-olds:

Session 1 Tues., Nov 28; 11:00-Noon
Session 2 Wed., Nov 29; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 3 Wed., Nov 29; 11:00-Noon
Session 4 Wed., Nov 29; 1:00-2:00 pm
Session 5 Thurs., Nov 30; 11:00-Noon
Session 6 Fri., Dec 1; 9:30-10:30 am

Sessions for 2-year-olds:

Session 7 Tues., Nov 28; 9:30-10:30 am
Session 8 Thurs., Nov 30; 9:30-10:30 am



Toddler Time

Being one is FUN! Take advantage of this playgroup designed for children ages 12 months to 24 months as we sing songs, read stories and explore interesting materials while meeting new friends! Toddler Time is held from **9:30-10:30 am** this fall on one Thursday each month: **September 21, October 19, November 16, and December 7**. Advance registration is required. Please register for the playgroup online at our website or by calling 815-963-6769. Enrollment is limited to 12 families. The cost is \$6/family or \$20/family for all four sessions. Toddler Time meets in the Tot Spot classroom (east end of the building).

First Fridays

What could make the Tot Spot Exhibit areas even more fun? Having Ms. Jenny there to play with! Bring your little ones ages 0-6 between 11:00 am-1:00 pm on the first Fridays of each month (**September 1, October 6, November 3 and December 1**). Ms. Jenny will be there with fun activities designed especially for our littlest visitors. No registration needed. Included with regular Museum admission; free for Museum members.

Home School Classes

Great Balls of Fire: Planets Near and Far

Wednesday, September 27

Explore ice worlds like a space probe, put the planets in your pocket, and make a model that matches size and distance. Learn where to spot these bright objects in the night sky, and enjoy a journey through the cosmos in Discovery Center's planetarium.



Great Balls of Fire: Sun and Stars

Wednesday, October 11

Mimic what astronomers do to find the fingerprints of distant suns. Construct your own spectroscope, explore invisible light, and discover how we know what we know about stars as we map the sun and create a 3-D model of our own star.

Great Balls of Fire: Rocks in Space

Wednesday, October 25

Modify trajectories as we model the forces that affect an asteroid field. Discover what puts the glow in a shooting star, and create your own craters. Hold a comet in your hand, then put one on a string and enjoy a live science demo just for you!

Nanoscale Science: Size Matters

Wednesday, November 8

Instant color changes, fountains of foam, and sticky water are just the beginning! Witness amazing reactions that change speed when repeated on a smaller scale. Explore surface area, create an open jar that won't leak when held upside-down, and manufacture a "mini-me" as we explore a world of science on the nanoscale.

Cost: \$13 Public / \$11 Members (per child, per class)

Children ages 7 and up

Class times: 10:30 am-Noon

Advance registration required. Payment must accompany registration. Registration closes 5:00 pm Friday the week before class. To register, call (815) 963-6769 or drop by the Discovery Center Museum office during normal business hours. Cancellation policy: Refunds are available through the close of registration, minus 10%. Discovery Center reserves the right to cancel events; in which case, a full refund will be issued.



Nanoscale Science: Itty Bitty = Big Difference

Wednesday, November 29

Greeting cards that sing, pants that don't stain, and paper that changes color are only a few of the technologies you've already encountered, thanks to science on the molecular level. Explore naturally-occurring nano-scale phenomenon, and gain understanding through macro models of why it works.

Science of a Simple Sort

Wednesday, December 13

Make like Carl Linnaeus and get into the taxonomy of plants, animals... even aliens! Create categories and invent your own binomial nomenclature as you decide the importance of properties and what goes where. Then put your science skills to the test to correctly classify evergreens.

Family Classes

We request one adult for every two children.

Gingerbread House Family Class

Sunday, Nov 26; 12:30-2:00 pm



Start the holiday season with this delectable tradition as you decorate a Gingerbread House to take home! We'll have houses, the tools, all the trimmings, and even clean up all the mess - you get the family fun and the finished masterpiece. Select the number of houses your family would like to decorate. Sampling is encouraged in this sweet class sure to satisfy your inner elf.

Suggested ages: 4 and up

Children: Members \$6 / Public \$10 (per person)

Fully assembled gingerbread house: \$10

Adults: no charge

Please register all participants and include the number of houses you will need.



One adult required for every two children. Preregistration required. Payment must accompany registration. Ages, fees, and times vary. Registration closes 5:00 pm Wednesday before class. To register, call (815) 963-6769 or drop by the Discovery Center Museum office during normal business hours. Cancellation policy: Refunds are available through the close of registration, minus 10%. Discovery Center reserves the right to cancel events; in which case, a full refund will be issued.

Family Break-Out Holiday Specials

Put your collective brainpower to the test: unravel the riddles, puzzle out the predicament, decode the conundrum and unlock the clues so you and your family can literally unlock the box!

Suggested ages: 8 and up

Children: Members \$8 / Public \$12 (per person)

Adults: no charge

Asteroid Attack!

Disaster is rapidly approaching our planet in the form of a huge asteroid on a collision course! You and your family have been asked to join a secret team in space for an extremely dangerous task. Your mission: land on the asteroid, drill a hole, and place a bomb in the hole. The resulting explosion will annihilate the asteroid before it destroys Earth! The clock is ticking...

Session 1 Fri., Nov 24, 2:00-3:15 pm

Session 3 Sat., Nov 25, 2:00-3:15 pm

Session 2 Fri., Nov 24, 4:00-5:15 pm

Session 4 Sat., Nov 25, 4:00-5:15 pm

A Christmas Story!

Oh, fudge! The slightly (or seriously) dysfunctional Parker family's story of leg lamps, bunny suits, and BB guns is in danger! TBS wants to lock the film away in its movie vault for the next two decades! Can you imagine a Christmas season without 24 hours of *A Christmas Story*??? Don't be a nincompoop; crack open the clues to save this beloved movie classic! There just might be a major award waiting for you!

Session 1 Thurs., Dec 28, 2:00-3:15 pm

Session 4 Fri., Dec 29, 4:00-5:15 pm

Session 2 Thurs., Dec 28, 4:00-5:15 pm

Session 5 Sat., Dec 30, 2:00-3:15 pm

Session 3 Fri., Dec 29, 2:00-3:15 pm

Session 6 Sat., Dec 30, 4:00-5:15 pm



Summer interns a huge help!

Thanks to a grant from the Illinois Arts Council, Discovery Center was fortunate to hire four local youth to be interns this summer. These recent high school graduates helped plan, prepare and execute all our Family Fridays. They also ran several of our Messy Mondays. And, you may have seen them at community events like Rockford City Market, Friday Night Flix, Phantom Regiment Show of Shows, and Strong Neighborhoods Block Party.

In addition to these four individuals, we also had a college intern who worked in our marketing department creating digital campaigns, taking photos, updating our website, analyzing web analytics, and writing social media posts.

They each did a fantastic job and we are very grateful for all their enthusiasm and hard work over the past three months. We wish Cassidy Brandt, Kristen Bremmer, Jacqueline LeFevre, Jenny Rosauer and Andrea Wilson much luck in all their future endeavors!



Totem pole returns!

A longtime fixture in Discovery Park, our totem pole is back after being removed for an extensive restoration. It had been a fixture in the park since its installation in June, 2000. The pole depicts characters that work in different fields of science: chemist, educator, astronaut, engineer, physician and explorer.

Carved by volunteers from the Blackhawk Woodcarvers of Rockford over a 6-month period in 1999-2000, the pole had suffered severe damage and deterioration.

Stenstrom Company generously donated the services of a crane and crew to gently lift the 16-foot white oak pole from its base so it could be moved into Discovery Center's exhibit shop. The totem pole was brought back to life through a restoration process that involved removing and replacing damaged areas, adding metal support rods, filling cracks and sealing.

Discovery Center staff and visitors are grateful to The Blackhawk Woodcarvers who came to the rescue to restore the totem pole. Club members Denny Neubauer, Mike Petty, Gale Terrell, Tony DaVita and Dick Dunphey volunteered their skills and many hours to return the pole to its former glory. Mr. DaVita and Mr. Terrell were part of the group that originally carved the pole 17 years ago. Thanks to these dedicated volunteers, we can look forward to our Totem Pole overlooking Discovery Park for many years to come!



Mornings of Fun

We invite children with disabilities and their immediate families to experience Discovery Center's multi-sensory exhibits and activities free of charge before the museum opens to the general public.



Join us from 9-10:00 am on Saturday, October 14.

A healthy snack will be served at 10:00 am and families are welcome to stay and play after the museum opens to the public that day.

Advanced registration is required. To receive free admission call 815-972-2839 or email sues@discoverycentermuseum.org.

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Discovery Center earns Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence

Discovery Center Museum has received a 2017 TripAdvisor® Certificate of Excellence award. Now in its sixth year, the award celebrates excellence in hospitality and is given only to establishments that consistently achieve great traveller reviews on TripAdvisor. To qualify, a business must maintain an overall TripAdvisor bubble rating of at least four out of five, have a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.



We have birthday parties down to a science!

Our fun-filled, hassle-free parties begin at just \$125 for Non-Members and \$113 for Members and include invitations, cupcakes, punch, exploration time in the Museum and more! Special activity and pizza parties are available for additional fees.

Please check our website for more details and call 815/963-6769 to book your party!



Grants & Gifts News

May 10, 2017 through August 21, 2017

We thank the following donors for their generous support of Discovery Center exhibits, events, educational programs and operations.

Grants, Sponsorships & Corporate Donations

- Illinois Arts Council - \$10,000 - Multi-Disciplinary Series
- ACM/Freeman Foundation - \$10,000 - Hello from Japan Exhibit
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If you are interested in partnering with Discovery Center to support an event, program or exhibit, please contact Sara McKeivitt at 815-972-2834 or at the following address: saram@discoverycentermuseum.org.

You can also donate online to support Discovery Center Museum exhibits, programs, classes and outreach at www.discoverycentermuseum.org. Click on the DONATE button on the home page. Thank you for your support!

Thank you volunteers!

This summer, Discovery Center was fortunate to have 60 youth volunteers, 14 adult volunteers and 63 volunteers from local organizations (Barbara Olson Center of Hope, Bridgeway, Rasmussen College and Rockford Urban Ministries) who gave more than 1,000 hours of service helping our staff prepare for special events, running stations at Family Fridays, assisting at Messy Mondays, lending a hand at Tot Spot classes and science camps, fixing exhibits, and more. We couldn't do what we do without the help of volunteers.

If you, your teenager, or your company would like to volunteer, contact Volunteer Coordinator Sue Stevens at sues@discoverycentermuseum.org for more information.



Join our energetic auxiliary committee!

We are seeking members for our Auxiliary Planning Committee to help orchestrate the museum's annual fundraiser, *Discover the Spirits*. The planning committee meets one hour per month and helps the night of the event. If interested in joining this fun and energetic group, please contact Sara McKeivitt at 815-972-2834 or at the following address: saram@discoverycentermuseum.org.

New t-shirts in gift shop

Check out these new t-shirts at Discoveries to Go gift shop. Best of all, all proceeds go right back into museum programming and exhibits.



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Discovery Center has lots of great ideas on Pinterest on subjects such as STEM activities; science activities for kids; holiday crafts and experiments; science books for kids; and more.



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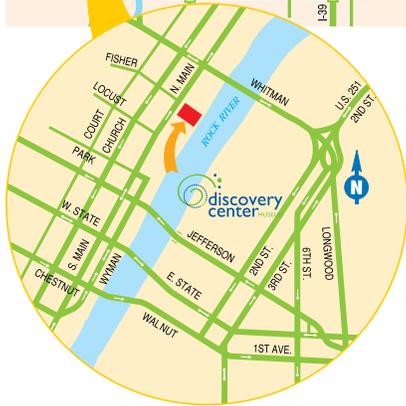
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