



Explorium Rings in the New Year



Hundreds of people joined the Explorium to ring in 2010 at the kid-friendly New Year's Eve Celebration.

Children cheered as the ball (and balloons) dropped at the 12:00 noon event. Other highlights included a ginger-ale toasts, crafts, and music.



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Tell us what you think

The Explorium would like to know your opinion. A monthly poll has been established on www.explorium.com to ask visitors' opinions about topics ranging from future programming to their favorite food.

Results from the previous month's poll will be announced in an Explorium e-newsletter. To be added to the email list, please email explore@explorium.com and type *e-news list* in the subject line.

Volunteers Welcome

Are you retired?
Find yourself with extra time?
Love working with children?

The Explorium is always seeking individuals who would like to volunteer and support the museum with their time, talents and special skills. Currently, volunteer positions are available for gallery assistants, administrative tasks, and Open Art Gallery attendants. To volunteer, call Margaret Trafton at 859-258-3253, extension 12 or by email at trafton@explorium.com

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Summer Fun

The Explorium staff is gearing up for some summertime fun and learning with fantastic summer camps! Registration forms will be available online and at the Explorium front desk. A \$35 deposit is due at time of registration. Space is limited.

This summer the Explorium is offering a "Bring a Friend" discount. A one time only discount of \$25 off will be applied to the camp fee when an attendee registers a friend or \$15 off when registering a sibling.

Preschool Summer Camps

These camps are for designed for children 3-4 year olds. All children must be potty trained to attend. Prices: \$110 for Members/\$120 for Non-Members. The camps are from 9AM-12PM, drop off is at 8:30AM.

Story Book Adventure Camp June 14-18

Explore a different children's classic book each day! The day will be filled with games, crafts, and fun all relating to the book of the day.

Color My World June 21-25

Explorium Hours:
Tuesday - Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday: 1 - 5 p.m.

Explore hands on activities geared to the preschool age group. The camp focuses on the basic principles of art. They will learn about primary colors, shapes, patterns and much more!

K-2 Summer Camps

These camps are for children entering Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Prices are \$130 Members/\$150 Non-members. Time: 9AM-12PM, drop off is at 8:30AM.

It's A Mystery July 5-9

Put on your detective cap and help us solve a mystery! In this camp junior detective's become expert investigators as they gather clues and work to solve mysteries.

Gadgets and Gizmos July 12-16

Gears, levers, and magnets, oh my! Come play with simple machines, see how they work and create a few of your own.

Dinosaur Discovery Camp July 19-23

Travel back 65 million years ago when dinosaurs ruled the earth. In this camp we learn everything

dinosaurs!

Mini-Masters Art Camp July 26-30

Explore hands on art activities geared to the K-2 age group. This camp offers an in depth exploration of a variety of art mediums and approaches spanning both traditional and non-traditional methods.

3-5 Summer Camp

These camps are for children entering 3rd grade through 5th grade. Prices are \$130 Members/\$150 Non-members for half day; \$190 Members/\$210 Non-Members Full Day. Time: 9AM-12PM Half-day, 9:00AM-5:00PM for full days; drop off is at 8:30AM.

CSI Mystery Camp July 5

Full Day
Young investigators will use all their skills to solve a complicated crime. Arriving the first day of camp at the crime scene, they will spend the week analyzing evidence, doing experiments to identify unknown substances, learn fingerprint and handwriting analysis, along with many other skills.

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School Days

• Explor-A-Smile



The Explorium is pleased to present the Explor-a-smile program again this year. Explor-a-smile, held February 22-26, is a program put on in

partnership with the Bluegrass Dental Society. This program is only offered to first graders and allows up to 1,500 students the opportunity to have a free dental screening.

Children in need of extra dental care will be able to have an additional exam and/or dental work by the dentists the following Saturday.

In addition to the dental screenings, the children receive dental education through puppet shows, receive dental hygiene and nutrition lessons and learn to make their own toothpaste.

The program is free of charge. Contact Heather Martin, Sales Director, for more information at martin@explorium.com or 859-258-3253, ext. 22.

Program Highlights

February and March programming activities at the Explorium are held from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

- Mardi Gras Masks
- Valentine's Day Cards
- Lunar New Year
- Dr. Seuss Birthday Celebration
- St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Join us for a scavenger hunt, 3D rainbow craft and traditional Irish music

- Girl Scouts Day (Groups must make reservations)
- Lexington Philharmonic Instrument Petting Zoo
- Design a Quilt Square (Program to be held in the Open Art Studio)



Summer Fun (cont'd. from page 1)

Chemistry Camp

July 12

Full and Half Day available

Our scientists will do experiments in polymers, viscosity, acids/bases, temperature, and many others as they use real lab equipment and learn the fun of chemistry in a safe manner. Keeping a daily journal of their experiments, they will learn the basics of the scientific method. This camp is a partnership with the UK Department of Chemistry.

Robotics Camp

July 19

Full Day

Using Lego NXT Mindstorms robots, students will work in teams to build and program their robots to run a race course and accurately follow directions. Skills learned will include robot design, programming, teamwork, and fair competition as they race to meet challenges against other teams.

American Masters

July 26

Full and Half Days available

Traveling from the 18th century to the present, we will follow in the footsteps of some of the great American artists as we venture into painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, and more in a week filled with creative activity.

Color My World

The Explorium introduces its first Preschool Day Camp of the year, *Color My World!* on February 15 from 9 a.m.- noon.

The camp focuses on the basic principles of art. Preschooler will enjoy learning about primary colors, shapes, and patterns. They will also explore the newest edition to the Kaleidoscope room, the Color Storm exhibit. Color Storm is an educational interactive tool for young children to learn their basic colors and explore what happens when colors are mixed.

This is a drop off camp so children should be potty trained and be able to use the restroom by themselves. A small snack and drink will be provided. (Children with food allergies should provide their own snack and drink.)

Registration forms can be picked up at the front desk or by emailing Kristi Barrowman, Education Coordinator, at barrowman@explorium.com. The fee is \$15 per child, with \$10 due at registration. The registration deadline is February 10.



Preschool Destination Discovery Classes

Destination Discovery classes provide exciting and educational learning experiences designed specifically for preschoolers, ages 3-5. For more information or to register your child, contact Kristi Barrowman, education specialist, at 859-258-3253 ext. 19 or email barrowman@explorium.com.

Upcoming Sessions:

Preschoolers explore an unseen world in **Germ, Germs, Everywhere!** In this class, preschoolers explore the world not seen with the naked eye. The importance of hand-washing along with the answer to why bread turns green and much more are just a few of the things discovered during this 4-week session.

Class session: February 10 - March 3

Wednesdays 10 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 3 p.m.

Cost: Members \$32 Non-members \$40

Too young to compete in a Science Fair? Not at the Explorium. Preschoolers will construct science projects in **Little Scientists Science Fair**. At the completion of the class the project will be displayed at the Explorium for all to see.

Class session: April 13 - May 14

Tuesdays 10 - 11 a.m.

Fridays 2 - 3 p.m.

Cost: Members \$40 Non-Members \$50

Travel back 65 million years in **Dinosaurs Rock**. In this class, preschoolers learn about a different dinosaur each week. They will be paleontologists for the day and possibly discover the Explorium's own dinosaur!

Class session: April 13 - May 14

Tuesdays 2 - 3 p.m.

Fridays 10 - 11 a.m.

Cost: Members \$40 Non-Members \$50