

# FIND WHY.



## Buffalo Museum of Science & Tifft Nature Preserve

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2026

### February Break: ENGINEERS WEEK FEATURING ACROBATIC SCIENCE LIVE!

February 15–21 | All ages

Daily shows 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m. & 3 p.m.  
Special 6:30 p.m. show available Friday, Feb. 20.

Acrobatic Science returns to Buffalo by popular demand! Watch as the laws of physics are put to the test with live Acrobatic Science shows! We Flip Entertainment from Orlando will excite and amaze guests with high energy 30-minute auditorium performances.

Show entry included with February Break admission.

Sponsored by:



## SCIENCE afterHOURS GET A CLUE

**JANUARY 16, 6–9 P.M.**  
**TICKETS: \$39\* | AGES 21+**  
**PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

Help solve a museum mystery! Was it the botanist Mary Gold in the Rethink Extinct exhibit with the death cap mushroom? Grab a drink from the bar and gather clues from witnesses for an epic adults only museum-wide game of *whodunit*.

## Family Edition GET A CLUE

**JANUARY 10, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M.**  
**INCLUDED WITH ADMISSION**  
**RECOMMENDED FOR AGES 4-10**

Join us for a family-friendly version of our popular museum mystery event! **A car has crashed in our In Motion Exhibit, but who did it?** Families work together at their own pace to collect evidence from museum staff stationed throughout the museum to catch the critter culprit.



**SAVE THE DATE!**

# DISCOVERY CAMPS

**JUNE 29 - SEPTEMBER 4**

Register starting February 4 at [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org)

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**ROAR & EXPLORE**

**MARCH 21-22**

*Tickets go on sale in January  
at [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org)*



## SCIENCE BUFF Lecture Series

The new Science Buff Lecture Series is a year-round celebration of curiosity, discovery, and dialogue. Hosted by the Buffalo Museum of Science, this seasonal series features a rotating lineup of distinguished guest lecturers, acclaimed authors, and thought leaders who share their expertise across a wide range of scientific disciplines.

### UPCOMING LECTURES

**MARCH 26, 2026**

*Wonderful Cambrian Beasts and  
Where to Find Them*

Javier Ortega-Hernandez, PhD  
Harvard University

**JUNE 17, 2026**

*The Traveler. George Forster's  
Search for Humanity*

Andrea Wulf, New York Times Best  
Selling Author

**SEPTEMBER DATE TBA**

*33rd Annual Vaughan Lecture  
Focus: Ornithology*

Marcella Baiz, PhD  
University at Buffalo

Lectures begin at 7 p.m.  
Museum open 5 to 8 p.m.

Admission: \$25 per person,  
\$5 for members and students





## BIRTHDAY PARTIES just got even more fun!

We've added tons of brand-new ways to celebrate starting at just \$295!

*Museum members save 10%*

### NEW BLAST OFF! PARTY THEME

Our all-new space-themed party launches your astronauts into an intergalactic adventure! Party-goers will explore life in space, create and launch mini rockets, suit up with helmets and vests, and more!

Other facilitated party themes include: Bubble Blast, Diggin' Dinosaurs, Super Scientist's Lab, and Science Below Zero!

### EVEN MORE HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

Not only are we decking out your party with brand new décor, but we've also added new interactive science activities for each theme and age group. Visit our website and click any theme to see what's included.

### SELF-GUIDED BIRTHDAY PACKAGES

Prefer to celebrate your own way? Enjoy a private room for cake, gifts, and gathering—plus full access to all museum exhibits.



*Birthday packages are also  
available at Tifft Nature Preserve!*



### READY TO PARTY?

Request your date and  
theme at  
[sciencebuff.org/birthday-  
parties](https://sciencebuff.org/birthday-parties)

# BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

## FOR ADULTS

### ADULT WORKSHOPS | ADULTS 18+

#### EYE SPY COW EYEBALL DISSECTION

January 10, 2-3 p.m.

\$15 plus admission\*

Take a closer look at the structures and functions of the eyeball with a cow dissection! Learn how the different eye parts work together, and discover how cows and other animals have a leg up on human vision! *All supplies included.*

#### LONELY HEARTS DISSECTION

February 7, 2-3 p.m.

\$20 plus admission\*

Have your heart set on something fun and unique to do? Find out if hearts truly have heartstrings, explore chambers, sizes and history while taking a knife to the heart (not yours!) while beating the February blues in this dissection workshop.

#### MEMORY CAFE: WATERCOLOR NOTECARDS

January 15, 9:30-11 a.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

Join us at the Museum each third Thursday of the month for Memory Cafe. **This month we are relaxing while creating beautiful watercolor notecards. Regardless of skill level, each participant will make a lovely piece of art.** This program provides an opportunity for adults with memory challenges and their loved ones to explore science and nature through the Museum's collection in a supportive, social and welcoming environment. Each session will have a presentation on unique collections items aligned with the Museum theme months and an interactive science and nature activity. Catered hot breakfast and beverages provided. *Made possible by Exhale and its funders: the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York.*

#### MEMORY CAFE: NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR GARDEN

February 19, 9:30-11 a.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

Join us at the Museum each third Thursday of the month for Memory Cafe. **This month we have a guest speaker, Lyn Chimera, Master Gardener and owner of Lessons From Nature who will be discussing native plants.** This program provides an opportunity for adults with memory challenges and their loved ones

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## FAMILY AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### COLLECTIONS LIVE! | All ages

Included with Museum admission and free for members. No pre-registration required; check [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org) for possible schedule changes.

*Collections Live! is made possible by the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature.*

#### Working with the Geology Collection | Mondays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 4th Floor Collections (stair access only)

A lot goes on behind the scenes in our Collections Department. Unearth some of the projects our staff and volunteers are currently working on in Geology Storage.

#### Cataloging—A Work in Progress | Mondays, 12:30–3:30 p.m. | Artifacts Classroom (2nd Floor)

A lot goes on behind the scenes in the Collections Department! Get a glimpse of inventory and cataloging procedures and learn about what goes in to caring for a museum collection.

#### The Amazing, Awesome Arthropoda | Wednesdays, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. | 4th Floor Collections (stair access only)

Arthropods constitute roughly 75% of all animal life on earth! Catch an exclusive, behind-the-scenes glimpse into the Museum's Invertebrate Zoology Collection, and bug out with museum professionals who are preserving the amazingly awesome diversity found in the Arthropoda.

#### PLANETARIUM SHOW: TOUR OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

January 10, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Ages 5+  
\$15\* plus admission

Boldly go where only a few humans--and lots of robots--have gone before! Our planetarium will transform into a faster-than-light spaceship to deliver you to our numerous planets, marvelous moons, and some dwarf planets, too. (We still love you, Pluto!)

# BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

## **GIRL SCOUT JUNIORS DETECTIVE WORKSHOP** | January 24, 2–3 p.m. Ages 5+ | \$12 plus museum admission

Work with your fellow Scouts to solve a science mystery using real forensic techniques like fingerprint analysis, DNA testing, and chromatography. From lifting prints to analyzing chemical traces, you'll discover how science helps solve crimes and mysteries. Can you crack the case?

## **BEADED LIZARD FAMILY WORKSHOP** January 31, 2–3 p.m. | All Ages | \$6 per person plus museum admission

Hop on a reemerging fashion trend and learn about our reptile neighbors in this family-oriented workshop mixing museum collections with a fun, take-home beaded lizard craft.

## **OWL PELLET DISSECTION FAMILY WORKSHOP** | February 7, 10:30–11:30 a.m. | All Ages | \$8 per person plus museum admission

It's amazing what you can learn from an owl's vomit! Investigate the contents of a unique owl pellet! Piece together bones, learn about owl hunting habits, and discover some special pieces of the museum's collecting in this all ages workshop!

## **I FLIP, YOU FLIP, WE FLIP FOR SCIENCE!** February 20, 4–8 p.m. | All Ages | Included with February Break admission

On Friday night during February break week, enjoy extended hours, an evening performance of Acrobatic Science Live! at 6 p.m., and special activities.

## **PLANETARIUM MOVIE: MARS: THE ULTIMATE VOYAGE** | February 28, 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. | Ages 5+ | \$15\* plus museum admission

Ever wondered what it will take for astronauts to travel to the Moon, Mars and beyond? On this long journey, what challenges will astronauts face? How will they stay motivated and healthy on their spacecraft so far away from Earth? This immersive planetarium movie explores these questions and more. This program contains immersive visual effects that may cause disorientation or motion sickness in sensitive individuals.

## **GIRL SCOUT BROWNIES HOME SCIENTIST** February 28, 2–3 p.m. | \$12 plus museum admission

Find out where science has been hiding in your home! Scouts will become kitchen chemists, making things bubble up, observe and control static electricity, and even play with their science!

## **CELEBRATION SERIES:**

### Cooking Demonstration with Manna Culinary Group

#### **FEBRUARY 7, 12 – 2 P.M. | ALL AGES**

At the Buffalo Museum of Science, we are committed to bringing people together by uplifting and celebrating the cultures that are all around us. We are excited to learn and share with you through our new Celebration Series, where we invite local cultural ambassadors, scientists, and community partners to celebrate the diversity in WNY!

Join us in welcoming local, black-owned Manna Culinary Group. With a combined 80 years of culinary experience, Manna will share their expertise with an inspiring cooking demonstration! Come fill your mind, your soul, and your stomach with us!"

*Included with admission or membership.*

## **DISCOVERY CAMPS**

### **FEBRUARY BREAK** | February 16–20, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Grades K-2 & 3-5 | \$375 per child\*

Calling all engineers! Join us this week for our February Break Discovery Camp and explore the wonders of engineering as we take part in the museum's Engineers Week celebrations!

### **SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR SPRING BREAK DISCOVERY CAMP** | April 6–10, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Grades K-2 & 3-5 | \$375 per child\*

Join us this Spring Break for an exploration of all things outer space! More information to come.

*Early drop off begins at 8:30 a.m. Late pick-up available until 5:30 p.m.*



# TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

## WELLNESS WALKS

Presented by  
 Independent Health.

**JANUARY 8, 15, 22, 29**  
**FEBRUARY 5, 12, 19, 26**

**10 – 11:30 A.M. | ALL AGES**  
**FREE | \$3 DONATION PER PERSON**  
**IS APPRECIATED**

Drop by Tifft Nature Preserve every Thursday and join us for a casual volunteer-led tour of the Preserve. Please call (716) 825-6397 to confirm walk will take place.



*Seasonal Offering*

### SNOWSHOE RENTALS

Snowshoeing for *all* ages! Traditional wood snowshoes and young children's plastic snowshoes are available for rent in the Education Center when snow is at least 6 inches deep. **Please call (716) 825-6397 to ensure availability** or for more information. Sturdy footwear recommended (*hiking and work boots are best*).

**CHILDREN UNDER 75LBS: \$5 PER PAIR**  
**CHILDREN 75+ LBS AND ADULTS: \$5 PER PAIR**



**Tifft Nature Preserve EDUCATION CENTER is closed Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)**

## FOR KIDS

### WARM-UP TO WINTER CAMP

February 16-20, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | Ages 6-8  
\$375 per child\*

Stay cozy in the cabin while investigating all things winter with science experiments, crafts, games, and daily outdoor exploration. Snacks provided. Please bring lunch in a reusable container. Doors open at 8:30am and late pick-up arrangements for 4:30-5:30pm must be reserved at time of pre-registration. Limited space; fills quickly!

### SAVE THE DATE: SPRING INTO NATURE CAMP

April 6-10, 9 a.m.–4 p.m. | Ages 6-8  
\$375 per child\*

Spring into the wonders of nature with exploration hikes, wildlife watching, crafts, and games!

### GIRL SCOUT CADETTES BREATHE JOURNEY

January 10, 1–4 p.m. | \$15 per Scout

Pre-register at: [tifft.org/programs/scouts](http://tifft.org/programs/scouts)

### GIRL SCOUT JUNIORS GET MOVING JOURNEY

January 17, 1–4 p.m. | \$15 per Scout

Pre-register at: [tifft.org/programs/scouts](http://tifft.org/programs/scouts)

### EXPERIMENT NIGHT! FAMILY NIGHT OUT!

January 31, 6–8 p.m. | Ages 5+  
\$12 per child with an adult.\*

Join us for an indoor family night out conducting simple, sometimes messy, but always fun science experiments and hands-on activities for young scientists like elephant toothpaste, snap circuits, and a custom K'nex car to sail across the room! *Advance registration required.*

### INDOOR EARLY CHILDHOOD NATURE PLAYDATE

February 28, 10 a.m.–12 p.m. | Ages 3-5  
\$15 per child with an adult.\*

Drop-in with your young naturalist for an INDOOR playtime in our Early Childhood Classroom overlooking beautiful Lake Kirsty! Children can freeplay with blocks, clay, paint, and more while adults sit and enjoy hot coffee or herbal tea. *Advance registration required.*

# TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

## FOR ADULTS

### **GUEST LECTURE: WNY WILDWAY WITH WNY LAND CONSERVANCY**

January 17, 2–3:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

How are wildlife such as black bear, bobcat, and fisher traveling throughout their home ranges across WNY? Marcus Rosten of the WNY Land Conservancy will share photos and insights from a recent wildlife camera study for the WNY Wildway, and discuss the importance of creating wildlife corridors for the future of our wild neighbors. *Advance registration required.*

### **WINTER HARVEST SOUP WORKSHOP**

January 24, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. | Ages 18+  
\$35 per person\*

Come make soup with us! Relax, prepare, and simmer indoors with all materials provided to create a delicious winter vegetable vegetarian soup that highlights fresh, locally grown produce of the winter season! Afterwards we'll taste our creations and pair it with bread and a DIY handmade butter while enjoying the natural winter landscape from indoors.

### **PLANETARIUM & NATURE HIKE DATE NIGHT**

February 12, 7–9 p.m. | Ages 18+  
\$35 per person\*

Bring a friend or a date for a weatherproof night under the stars inside our portable planetarium! Learn to identify seasonal constellations, listen to globally inspired stories and lore of the stars above, and develop some stargazing skills to take home with you. Top it all off with an indoor hot chocolate bar, a constellation craft, and an outdoor guided night hike in search of winter wildlife (weather permitting).

### **INDOOR DATE WITH A BOOK**

February 14, 1–3 p.m. | Ages 18+  
\$25 per person\*

Spend this Saturday afternoon overlooking beautiful Lake Kirsty while you cozy up indoors with a surprise gift-wrapped book to read and keep, within a genre of your choice! Hot chocolate and herbal tea bar, plus indoor activity nooks such as watercolor painting and bookmark-making included. And if the weather suits you, explore the trails at your own pace before or afterwards!

## FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

### **PRESSED FLOWER CRAFT WORKSHOP**

February 7, 2–3:30 p.m. | Ages 12+ | \$15 per person\*

Create beautiful art designs on glass and wood with real pressed botanicals! Decoupage, pressed flowers and leaves, small glass jar and wood circle, plus guided instruction and ideas provided.

### **GUIDED FAMILY-FRIENDLY BIRD WALK**

February 15, 10:30 a.m.–12 p.m. | All Ages  
\$11 per person\*

Birds are for everyone! Enjoy a guided, family-friendly trail walk in search of winter birds. We'll focus on birding with kids (and beginners of any age!) and provide hands-on, fun learning indoors and out! Binoculars will be available to borrow. This program is part of the International Birds on the Niagara Festival. Please visit [bird-niagara.org](http://bird-niagara.org) for activities throughout the region from February 12-16!

Save the Date

## Earth Day MARKET

**April 25, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Support Buffalo's eco-minded small businesses at our FREE indoor vendor market!

### **Interested vendors:**

*please call (716) 825-6397  
for more information.*



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## Buffalo Museum of Science

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[sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org)

**PHONE** (716) 896-5200

**TOLL FREE** (866) 291-6660

GENERAL ADMISSION	CASH	WITH CREDIT CARD
Adults (18-61) .....	\$23	\$23.69
Children (2-17), Seniors (62+) or Student/Military (ID REQUIRED) .....	\$19	\$19.57
Children Under 2 .....	FREE	FREE
Members .....	FREE	FREE

**FEBRUARY BREAK ADMISSION (Feb. 15-21)**  
*Includes entry to Acrobatic Science shows*

Adults (18-61) .....	\$25	\$25.75
Children (2-17), Seniors (62+) or Student/Military (ID REQUIRED) .....	\$21	\$21.63
Children Under 2 .....	FREE	FREE
Members .....	FREE	FREE

### Museum Hours

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

## Tifft Nature Preserve

1200 Fuhrmann Blvd, Buffalo, NY 14203  
[tifft.org](http://tifft.org)

**PHONE** (716) 825-6397

### Education Center Hours

Wednesday – Sunday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

*Also available Monday and Tuesday for group reservations and private rentals.*

### Trail Hours

Open daily from dawn until dusk.

*Access to Tifft's grounds, boardwalks and trails is*

**FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

Donations are gratefully accepted.

Reservations are required for groups of 10+.

### Closings

Thursday, January 1 (New Year's Day)

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