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Buffalo Museum of Science & Tifft Nature Preserve

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SCIENCE STADIUM

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Member Preview: Sep. 25 | Public Opening: Sep. 26–27

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SCIENCE BUFF Lecture Series

SEPTEMBER 16 | 7 P.M. | ALL AGES

***From Genomes to Microbiomes: Determining the
Consequences of Speciation in Birds***

Dr. Marcella Baiz, University at Buffalo

Learn how both genomes and gut microbiomes can
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Advance Registration Required.

Program and event tickets available at: sciencebuff.org | *BMS Members receive 10% off

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE



OPENING WEEKEND | Sep. 26-27

Our first all-new permanent exhibit since 2018 combines the thrill of sports and the power of STEM! Developed in partnership with the **Buffalo Bills, Buffalo Sabres, and Buffalo Bandits**, Science Stadium brings the science behind the games we love to life.

Visit 17 interactive, hands-on experiences:

- Test your skills in a state-of-the-art sports simulator and discover how physics, training, and technology shape athletic performance.
- Step behind the anchor desk at the Stats Center to record your own highlight-reel sportscast.
- Take on the role of a sports medic and evaluate on-field injuries.
- Design your own mascot to bring team spirit to life, and much more!

Plus, meet real-life STEM experts who help make sports possible. From engineers and data analysts to medical professionals and tech specialists, these MVPs (Most Valuable Professionals) demonstrate how STEM careers power the action on and off the field.

More than an exhibit, Science Stadium is a celebration of Buffalo's hometown teams, community pride, innovation, and the exciting connections between sports and STEM.

MEMBER PREVIEW | Sep. 25, 5–7 p.m.

Museum Members can score early access to Science Stadium before it opens to the public! Enjoy an exclusive evening with special member perks. **Register at sciencebuff.org.**

BUILT FOR BUFFALO EXHIBIT

In a special complementary exhibit to Science Stadium, BUILT FOR BUFFALO explores the science and engineering used to construct the new Highmark Stadium. See real construction materials, stadium seats, a player locker photo op, and an impressive 3D model of the stadium! *Exhibit sponsored by Gilbane and Turner Construction*

FOR ADULTS

SCIENCE AFTER HOURS

October 16, 6–9 p.m. | Ages 21+ | \$29*

Step into the Buffalo Museum of Science after dark for a Halloween celebration unlike any other. This adult-only (21+) Science After Hours transforms the Museum into a spooky playground filled with eerie entertainment, hauntingly fun science, and festive surprises around every corner.

Upgrade your experience with exclusive rooftop access for breathtaking nighttime views of Buffalo sky or reserve a spot in our cow eyeball dissection workshop.

* \$10 upcharge for rooftop access. \$10 upcharge for the cow eyeball dissection.

FAMILY & PUBLIC PROGRAMS

SOLAR SATURDAYS

Select Saturdays through October 12–3 p.m. | All Ages | Included with museum admission

Use our extra-special telescopes to safely view the Sun and get a rooftop view of the Buffalo Niagara region and beyond!

PLANETARIUM SHOWS

Ages 5+ | \$15 + museum admission*

CONSTELLATION MYTHS

September 19, 10:30–11:15 a.m.

People all around the world have used the beauty and mystery of the night sky to tell epic stories, teach cautionary lessons, and remember past generations. Step under the dome with us for a clear night sky, to learn why constellations have held so much history for so many. You'll come away with a better understanding of legendary tales, some new lore, and maybe even a few unexpected references!

TOUR OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM

October 3, 10:30–11:15 a.m.

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!)



FAMILY & PUBLIC PROGRAMS *cont'd*

SCIENCE BUFF LECTURE

September 16, 7 p.m. | All Ages

33rd Annual Vaughan Lecture: From Genomes to Microbiomes: Determining the Consequences of Speciation in Birds

with Dr. Marcella Baiz, University at Buffalo

More than 11,000 bird species inhabit our planet today, displaying an extraordinary array of forms, colors, and behaviors. How did this remarkable diversity evolve, and what makes each species unique? Learn how both genomes and gut microbiomes can provide valuable insights into avian biodiversity.

\$25 per non-member, \$5 with membership or school ID

TWILIGHT AT THE MUSEUM: PUT A RING ON IT

September 21, 8–11 p.m. | All Ages

\$25 or \$5 for members

These Friday evenings for all ages offer twilight talks with astronomers, observations of celestial objects from the roof deck (weather permitting), and access to all four floors of the Museum. Limited tickets available!

MONSTER MASH

October 10 & 11, 10 a.m.–2 p.m. | All Ages

Explore spooky science at the museum this Halloween season! Pick up a goodie bag, visit every trick-or-treat station, and discover hands-on science surprises along the way. Enjoy the tricks, collect your treats, and make unforgettable Halloween memories!

Kids who come in costume receive \$2 off admission. Looking for even more Halloween fun? Create glow-in-the-dark slime for a \$6 add-on. Or take part in our special owl pellet dissection lab, see details below.

OWL PELLET DISSECTION LAB

October 10, 10:30–11:30 a.m.

October 11, 10:30–11:30 a.m. or 1:30–2:30 p.m.

Ages 5+ | \$8 with Monster Mash admission

Will your family hoot and hOWL over what you excavate from an owl pellet? Piece together bones, learn about owl hunting habits, and discover some special owl specimens including mounts and skulls from the museum's collection! **Don't be afraid to join us for this fun dissection lab as an add on to your day at Monster Mash!**

BOOK CLUB

October 18, 11:30 a.m. | Ages 16+ | FREE

Admission purchase is required to explore the museum.

Ever wondered what science has to say about the creatures that have haunted our stories for centuries? So have we!

FAMILY & PUBLIC PROGRAMS *cont'd*

BOOK CLUB *cont'd*

Pick up a copy of *Science of Monsters* by Matt Kaplan and join us for a lively book club discussion. Together, we'll explore Kaplan's fascinating blend of science, history, and mythology as we discuss the ideas, arguments, and discoveries presented throughout the book. From vampires and werewolves to sea monsters and zombies, we'll examine how science helps explain the legends that continue to capture our imaginations. Whether you've finished every page or are just curious about the topic, all are welcome to join the conversation! Copies will be available for purchase in our gift shop beginning in September. Pre-order by September 12th to guarantee your copy!

COLLEGE NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM!

October 7, 5–9 p.m. | \$17 with college ID

Regular admission without college ID.

October 7th is College Night at the Museum! Show your current college student ID and enjoy the Museum during our extended hours.

Not currently in school? No problem! The Museum is open to everyone, so bring a friend along and enjoy the evening together.

DISCOVERY CAMPS



SCHOOL'S OUT DISCOVERY CAMP

October 12, November 3 & November 25

9 a.m.–4 p.m. | Grades K–5 | \$80

Give your child a day of exploration and discovery at the Buffalo Museum of Science during the school holiday. Come learn with us and take a look at all kinds of hands-on science! Camps are for students grades K-5. Extended care options available.

TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

FOR ADULTS

VOLUNTEER TOUR GUIDE TRAINING

September 15 & 22, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

Do you enjoy sharing the great outdoors with groups of children? Then Tifft wants you as a Volunteer Tour Guide! Register by Sept 10 for this two-part series on how we showcase our natural heritage to thousands of children each year. Candidates must attend both dates. We are seeking candidates comfortable leading groups of children on the trails during weekday mornings. Please email kadriaansen@sciencebuff.org for more information.

ADULTS-ONLY FULL MOON WALK

September 25, 7–8:30 p.m.
October 25, 6:30–8:00 p.m.

Ages 18+ | \$11 per person*

Enjoy a quiet evening outdoors with a guided stroll in search of wildlife beneath the (almost) Full Moon. No headlamps, video, or flash photography please. Advance Registration Required.

WILDERNESS SURVIVAL INDOOR WORKSHOP

October 8, 7–9 p.m. | Ages 18+
\$30 per person*

Fire, Shelter, Water, Food. Do you have the essentials to survive in a post-apocalyptic Western New York? Learn INTRODUCTORY wilderness survival skills through INDOOR demonstrations and hands-on challenges. Take-home ferro rod firestarter and other materials included. Advance Registration Required.

MEMORY CAFE: THE SCIENCE OF BATS AND ECHOLOCATION

October 15, 9:30–11 a.m. | Ages 18+

This October, discover the fascinating world of bats as we explore bat biology, examine real bat biofacts from the museum's collection, and investigate how bats use echolocation and sound to navigate and hunt in the dark.

Memory Cafe programs provide 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 in the series will have a presentation on unique collections items and an interactive science and nature activity. Light refreshments are provided and are included with the cost of the program.

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FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

WELLNESS WALKS

September 3, 10, 17, 24, OCTOBER 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 10–11:30 a.m. | All Ages | FREE

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

FAMILY AUTUMN SUNSET STROLL

October 11, 5:30–7 p.m. | All Ages
\$11 per person*

Savor the golden light of an Autumn sunset before it fades for the season! Join us for casual family-friendly guided walk or barrier-free roll on the Accessible Trail loop. Advance Registration Required.

TRASH OR TREAT TRAIL CLEAN-UP

October 11, 2–4 p.m. | All Ages | FREE

Drop-by and trade-in a bag of litter for a treat! Start at the Education Center to collect a garbage bag, gloves, and a map. Bring it back with litter collected onsite for a small prize. Advance Registration Encouraged.

FOR KIDS

FAMILY FISH NIGHT

September 23, 6–7:30 p.m. | \$10 per child*

Join in a sunset fishing experience off the Lake Kistry fishing pier. Meet at the Education Center for instruction, bait, and fishing rods to borrow for children ages 5-15. Adult supervision required. Advance Registration Required.

KID'S NIGHT OUT

October 9, 5:30–8:30 p.m. | Ages 6-8
\$45 per child*

Drop-off the kids (ages 6-8) at Tifft for a seasonal night of fun with our staff! We'll enjoy a pizza dinner, go for a night hike, make crafts, play games, and end with a nature-themed movie and fresh popcorn! Limited space. Advance Registration Required BY OCTOBER 5.

TIFFT OR TREAT CHILDREN'S HALLOWEEN PARTY

October 23, 6–9 p.m. | Ages 3+ | \$12 per person*

Join us for a children's not-so-scary Halloween party indoors and on the trails! Your young ghouls will encounter LIVE animals, make-n-take crafts, hot cider, donuts, face-painting, and hands-on fun activities indoors. Outdoors, venture into the woods for an optional self-guided, candle-lit scavenger hunt on the trails. Wear your family-friendly Halloween costume to be entered for prizes in our costume contest (for adults too)! Please select a 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. entry time. Advance Registration Required.

Program and event tickets available at: tifft.org

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