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## Buffalo Museum of Science & Tifft Nature Preserve

MARCH & APRIL 2025



# dinoFEST

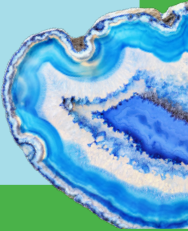
SATURDAY, MARCH 22  
10 A.M. - 4 P.M. | ALL AGES

**This year's DinoFEST is designed to inspire your budding dino hunter!** Grab a "How to Become a Paleontologist" check list and navigate 4 floors of activities exploring fossils, dinosaurs, minerals, and more!

**Floors are organized to suit your child's interest**, from early childhood (1st floor), to elementary (2nd floor) and more advanced middle school content (3rd floor).

Plus, head to our temporary exhibit gallery to experience our oversized foam dino dig pit, get your hands dirty in our oobleck pits, and pan for fossils and gems at our optional sluice station. Keep your dino-hunting eyes peeled for our visiting life-sized theropod, Spike!

**Tickets: \$22 for children, \$24 for adults  
FREE for members and children under 2  
Preorder a fossil-sifting bag for only \$10 more!**



# 12 MONTHS OF SCIENCE

Our celebration of 12 Months of Science continues in March and April with **daily demonstrations and stage shows** from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. as well as themed programs, workshops, and camps throughout each month. **Visit [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org) for our full lineup of experiences!**

## 12 MONTHS OF SCIENCE

March is  
**ROCKIN' FOSSILS MONTH**



Dinosaurs, trilobites, and mastodons... oh, my! Dig into all things rocks and fossils. From the extinction of the dinosaurs to fossils you can find in your own backyard, join us for family friendly prehistoric experiences and hands-on activities.

## 12 MONTHS OF SCIENCE

April is  
**SPACE MONTH**



3, 2, 1, BLAST OFF! Ever wondered how big the Sun is or the challenges astronauts face in space? Investigate the universe with daily astronomy-related activities and demonstrations. It's an astronomically good time!



# Sensory NIGHT

# dinOFEST

**FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 5-8 P.M. | ALL AGES**  
**TICKETS: \$15 PER PERSON; FREE FOR MEMBERS**

Limited exhibit sounds will provide a comfortable and fun evening of learning and exploration! Plus, all guests may enjoy hands-on sensory activities featuring dinosaur movement, kinetic sand fossil digs, arts and crafts, and so much more.

A limited number of sensory backpacks including sound dampening headphones, visual communication cards, and fidgets will be available upon request, along with dedicated quiet areas on the 1st and 4th floors and balcony. **Space is limited to the first 200 tickets reserved; pre-registration strongly encouraged.**



# SPRING EGG stravaganza

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**All ages | Tickets: \$11\***

Join in the EGG-streme fun and EGG-citement at Tiff's annual indoor celebration of animals that hatch from eggs! Meet live animals with Messinger Woods Wildlife Care, enjoy make 'n' take crafts, games, guided hikes and hands-on activities. Plus, dye eggs using handmade, natural dyes from flowers and vegetables! Bring your own hard-boiled eggs; maximum of 6 per person.

**Timed entry; advance registration required. Space is limited.**

**VISIT TIFFT.ORG FOR TICKETS.**



# DISCOVERY CAMPS



**JUNE 30 – AUGUST 29**  
**10 A.M. – 4 PM. | PRE-K – GRADE 5**

Sign your science and nature lover up to join us for a summer of fun at the Museum or Tiff! Camp spaces are limited. **Museum Members save 10%!**

## INTRODUCING 2 NEW TEEN CAMPS!

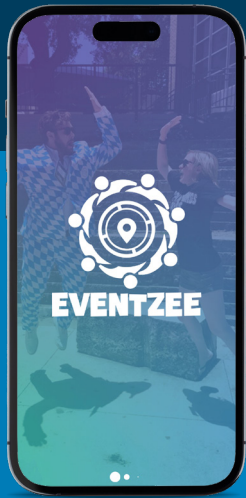
### AEROSPACE DISCOVERY CAMP

June 30 – July 3 & August 4-8 | Grades 6-8

### SCIENCE OF THEATRE WITH SHEA'S PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

August 11-14 | Grades 7-12

# 12 MONTHS OF SCIENCE App Challenges



Download the **FREE Eventzee app** and choose from three challenges to explore the museum in new ways for fun or a chance to earn prizes.

New challenges will be released every month through December 2025 and are free to join! Visit our admissions desk for the event codes to join or learn more at [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org)

For Kids & Families:  
**SCIENCE SEEKERS ADVENTURE**

For Adults & Teens:  
**ESCAPE THE MUSEUM**

For Everyone:  
**SCIENCE BUFF POINTS CHALLENGE**



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## STONES & BONES

**FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 6–9 P.M.**  
**TICKETS: \$29; \$39 WITH OWL PELLET DISSECTION\* | AGES 21+ PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

Don't take date night for *granite*—this adults-only event will leave quite the *impression* on you! And yes, of *quartz* our cash bar will be open. From fossils to gemstones, examine rarely seen specimens from our geology collection! Engage with staff and community partners with hands-on activities, make your own geology-inspired jewelry, and even add an owl pellet dissection to your evening if you're not *petrified* of what you might discover. **There will be a cash bar with beers, wine, cider, and seltzers available.**



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## TO INFINITY & BEER-OND

**FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 6–9 P.M.**  
**TICKETS: \$39; \$49 WITH PLANETARIUM SHOW\* | AGES 21+ PHOTO ID REQUIRED**

We're teaming up with the **WNY Brewers Guild** for an April adults-only night that **will be out of this world!** Enjoy tastings of craft brews and explore interactive stations. Discover salacious and mysterious tales behind the constellations, have a taste of freeze-dried delicacies, and make your own custom mission patches. Propel yourself further into astronomy geekdom with community partners. Limited spaces for Planetarium shows are available for an additional charge. **There will be a cash bar with beers, wine, cider, and seltzers available.**



## FOR ADULTS

### SciNIGHT

ADULT WORKSHOPS | ADULTS 18+  
\$30 PER PARTICIPANT\*

#### FOSSIL TIME! | March 12 6–7:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | \$30 per person\*

Take a trip through time to discover when some of the most famous ancient creatures lived! Orient yourself in geological time, learn about casting and molding fossils, and find out about some of the newest science from the field of paleontology.

#### STILL LIFE ROCKS | March 26 6–7:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | \$30 per person\*

Discover how art and science come together at our still-life drawing SciNight, featuring fossil and rock specimens from the museum's collection! Learn how to draw things from life, such as dinosaur fossils and trilobites and learn how artists help scientists study and document these incredible objects. This 18+ event is a unique opportunity to see how creative interpretation enhances our understanding of the prehistoric world.

*Sketchbooks and drawing materials provided. Attendees are welcome to bring their own materials.*

#### CONSTELLATIONS AFTER DARK... AFTER DARK | April 30, 6–7:30 p.m. Ages 18+ | \$30 per person\*

The sky is full of racy tales you didn't learn about in grade school! From adultery and atonement, to murder and mystery, to not knowing that no means no, constellation myths are often born from the darker impulses of humanity. In a special double workshop, enjoy creating a galactic craft and exposing the dark, true stories behind those sparkly night skies. **This program features mature themes that include crime and assault. Please attend at your discretion.**

#### MEMORY CAFE | March 20 & April 17, 9:30 – 11 a.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

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. Light breakfast and coffee provided. Made possible by Exhale and its funders: the Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Foundation and the Health Foundation for Western & Central New York.

## BEHIND-THE-SCENES COLLECTIONS TOURS | Ages 18+ | \$30 per person\*

Did you know the Museum houses more than 700,000 specimens and artifacts? Get behind the scenes to see what few have seen and explore the Museum's Collection. Tours are approximately 90 minutes in length. Register online or by phone at least 1 week in advance.

#### Geology Rocks | March 5 & April 2 6–7:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | \$30 per person\*

*Holmes!* What kind of rock is this? Sedimentary, my dear Watson. Learn why this and other CoRnY jokes are funny by investigating the Museum's Geology Collection. What you see on display is just the tip of the iceberg. Come behind the scenes and see the rock cycle, marvel at our minerals and discover our large fossil collection.

#### Cabinet of Curiosities | March 19 & April 16, 6–7:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | \$30 per person\*

Take a peek into the Vertebrate Zoology Collection's spine-tingling Cabinet of Curiosities to explore the mind bending stories of some of nature's unique freaks, morbid mistakes, and seemingly scientific impossibilities! Marvel at obscure oddities, glimpse the wildly unusual, and satisfy your macabre interests. Feeling enticed yet? We invite (dare) you to join us for a hair-raising tour to get an eyeful of all this, and more. You truly never know what you might encounter in the Cabinet!

## FAMILY AND PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### DAILY DEMOS & SCIENCE SPOT STAGE SHOWS | Free with museum admission Daily | All Ages

As a part of the 12 Months of Science, we're bringing you new and exciting themed demos and stage shows that will bring science to life right before your eyes. Program offerings rotate daily and are listed on our website. Come back often to experience them all!

### FAMILY WORKSHOP: FANTASTIC FOSSILS March 1, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | All Ages \$5 per person

Discover your inner paleontologist and learn the skills of the trade! From excavating fossils to casting models, families will get their hands dirty with a bunch of activities designed to turn you into a dinosaur expert!

**FAMILY WORKSHOP: BACKYARD STARGAZING** | April 12, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
All Ages | \$5 per person

Prepare your family for the stargazing season with our Backyard Stargazing workshop! Perfect for all ages, you'll learn how to spot major constellations, identify the difference between stars and planets, and get a primer on the sights you can see in the sky this summer!

**PLANETARIUM SHOW: ASTRONOMY OF THE ANCIENTS** | March 19, 5–5:45 p.m. & 7–7:45 p.m. | All Ages | \$15 per person\*

The stars have influenced humans for centuries, but did you know that animals also use the night sky as a compass? Creatures great and small have survived by observing space since the age of dinosaurs (maybe even before). From birds to beetles and Neanderthals to navigators, join us to explore how the skies have long been used as a tool to keep time, find the way home, or even warn of misfortune ahead.

**PLANETARIUM SHOW: TOUR OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM** | April 2, 5–5:45 p.m. & 7–7:45 p.m. | All Ages | \$15 per person\*

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!*

**SPRING BREAK: SPACE WEEK**  
April 14–19, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. | All Ages  
Free with museum admission

Space out with us during spring break! Join us to learn and discover all about astronomy and space science during spring break! Each day promises new activities, table demos, and stage shows.

**EARTH SCIENCE STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS** | April 23, 5 – 7 p.m.  
All Ages | Free with museum admission

During our extended Wednesday hours, learn about the works local students are doing in the field of earth science and connect with earth science professionals. Co-sponsored by the University at Buffalo Department of Earth Sciences and Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists.

**SCIENCE STORYTIME** | Mondays, 11:30 a.m.  
Ages 3–5 | Free with museum admission

Drop in the Sprouts classroom on the 3rd floor for weekly storytime and a fun craft for our littlest scientists! Themes are aligned with the 12 Months of Science, and each week introduces a new story to enjoy. Check our online events calendar for more information.

**CELEBRATE SCIENCE: WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** | On view at the Museum and Tifft March 1–30

Join us in celebrating some of the many scientific contributions of women from around the world with this special display on the third floor.

**CELEBRATE SCIENCE: ASIAN PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH** | On view at the Museum and Tifft April 1–30

Join us in celebrating contributions of Asian- and Pacific-Americans with a special display highlighting individuals past and present on the third floor.

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**COLLECTIONS LIVE! | All Ages**

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. Included with Museum admission and free for members. No pre-registration required.

**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.

**Geology with Joe** | Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
*Firma*

Bring your mystery rocks and fossils and learn how to create and catalog your collection.

**Herbarium: A Botanical Legacy** | Thursdays, 12:30–3:30 p.m. | 4th Floor Collections (stair access only)

Fascinated by flora? Discover one of the oldest herbaria in the nation, and witness how museum professionals curate and expand this vast botanical treasure.

## DISCOVERY CAMPS

**APRIL BREAK DISCOVERY CAMP**  
April 14–18, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. | Grades K – 5  
\$350 per camper\*

Join us for a super fun time during our Spring Break Discovery Camp! Together we will explore all different science subjects, perform fun experiments, and have a great time doing it! Late pick-up arrangements must be made at the time of registration.

*Early drop off begins at 8:30 a.m. Late pick-up available until 5:30 p.m. at \$12 per half hour per day.*

# TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

The Tifft Nature Preserve Education Center is  
closed Sunday, April 20, 2025.

## FOR ADULTS

**SciNIGHT** ADULT WORKSHOPS | ADULTS 18+

### **ANIMAL TRACKING 101** | March 20, 7–8:30 p.m. | Ages 18+ | \$25 per person\*

Whose track is that? Enjoy an interactive *indoor* workshop on tracking local wildlife, large and small. Investigate and learn how to decipher prints, scat, and other evidence animals leave behind all year long. Animal tracking skills enhance any outdoor experience, from venturing in your own backyard or schoolyard habitat, to hikes throughout the region.

### **MOSSOME MOSSES** | April 22, 7–8:30 p.m. Ages 18+ | \$25 per person\*

Let's get down to Earth this Earth Day and discover the tiny and amazing world of mosses at our feet! We'll go on a mini guided walk to discover some common NYS moss species and dive a little deeper to see these amazing plants under the microscope.

## FOR KIDS

### **GIRL SCOUTS** | \$15 per scout

*Advanced registration required. No member discount applied.*

#### **CADETTE BREATHE JOURNEY**

March 16, 1 – 4 p.m.

#### **JUNIORS GET MOVING JOURNEY**

March 22, 1 – 4 p.m.

#### **BROWNIE WOW JOURNEY**

April 6, 1 – 4 p.m.

### **NATURE & ME: INDOOR PLAYTIME**

March 29, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m. | Ages 3–5  
\$15 per child\*

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 sip a provided mug of hot coffee or tea.

## FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

### **FAMILY FULL MOON HIKE** | March 14, 7:30–9 p.m. | Ages 5+ | \$10 per person\*

Enjoy an evening outdoors with a guided, tranquil stroll in search of wildlife beneath March's Full Moon. Flat accessible trails. No headlamps, please.

### **MAPLE SUGAR WALK** | March 23, 2–3:30 p.m. | All Ages | \$10 per person\*

Taste the signs of Spring on a Maple Sugar-themed tour of the trails! We'll meet some different species of maple trees, taste a variety of maple syrups, practice drilling logs with a vintage tool, and learn how sap becomes a sweet treat.

### **SUMMER CAMP OPEN HOUSE**

April 9, 6–7 p.m. | All Ages | Virtual | FREE\*

April 13, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | In-person  
All Ages | FREE\*

Registered for Tifft Summer Camp and have questions? Join us for our Open House and our staff will answer your questions while sharing what a typical day at camp looks like, drop-off and pick-up procedures, what to pack, camper expectations, and more

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### **VOLUNTEER STEWARDSHIP DAY**

April 27, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. & 1–4 p.m.  
All Ages | FREE\*

Serve as a steward of Tifft's habitats by helping to plant trees and shrubs. All ages are welcome, but children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Dress for the weather to work outside. To ensure opportunities for families and individuals, we ask that organized groups please contact us to schedule a separate volunteer event. Advance registration required.



**REGISTRATION OPEN!**

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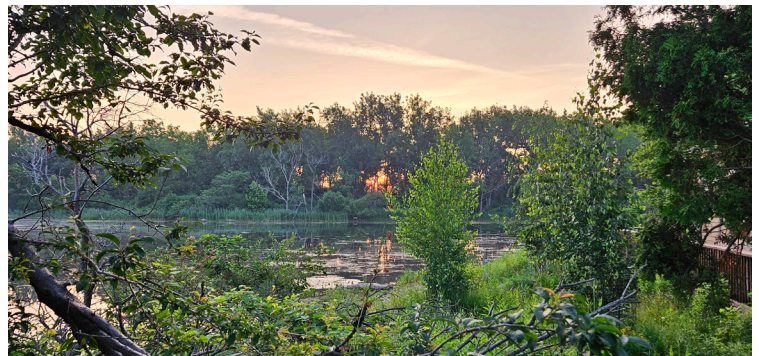
**Museum Members save 10%!**

## Earth Day **MARKET**

**APRIL 5, 11 A.M. – 3 P.M.**  
**ALL AGES | FREE**

Drop in to Tifft and begin the celebration of Earth Day by discovering many of Buffalo's eco-minded small businesses at our indoor vendor Market! Think global, shop local all under one roof. Enjoy a make-n-take craft for kids, venture on the trails with an Earth Day scavenger hunt, and bring a used book (children's or adult's) to trade at our book swap!

*Advance registration encouraged.*



## WELLNESS WALKS

Presented by  
**Independent Health.**

**MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27, & APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10 A.M. – 12 P.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.



**ANNUAL WNY INVENTION CONVENTION  
AWARD CEREMONY | March 30**  
10 a.m. – 1 p.m. | All Ages

Join us for a celebration of young inventors from across Western New York and beyond! Hear directly from youth as they share their creative solutions to problems they encounter in their daily lives.

**NEW OFFERING!  
CTLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS**  
**A DIVE INTO DEEP TIME: ROCKS & FOSSILS  
OF WNY | MARCH 8, 9 A.M. – 3 P.M. | AGES 18+**

From Niagara Falls to the shores of Lake Erie, investigate the geologic history of Western New York. Examine the geologic processes that have shaped the region over the last billion years. Participants will examine rocks and fossils and make connections between the geologic past and present-day inhabitants of Western New York. This workshop provided 6 CTLE Professional Development credits.



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**Buffalo Museum of Science**

1020 Humboldt Pkwy, Buffalo, NY 14211  
[sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org)

**PHONE** (716) 896-5200

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

**Museum Hours**

Monday – Sunday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Extended Wednesday hours until 9 p.m. through May.

- Adults (18-61)** ..... \$19
- Children (2-17)** ..... \$17
- Seniors (62+)** ..... \$17
- Student/Military (ID REQUIRED)** ..... \$17
- Children Under 2** ..... FREE
- Members** ..... FREE

**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+.

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