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Buffalo Museum of Science & Tifft Nature Preserve

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2025

20TH ANNIVERSARY

bubble FEST

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SEPTEMBER 13
10 A.M. – 5 P.M.
FREE FOR MEMBERS
\$23–25 FOR NONMEMBERS

The Museum will bubble over with fun while guests explore bubble activities and demonstrations throughout the museum! Plus, enjoy a sea of foamy fun courtesy of Buffalo Foam Parties (weather permitting) and special bubble stage shows with Miss Bubbles from Wow Party Buffalo!

VIP MEMBER EARLY ADMISSION
\$10-15 WITH MEMBERSHIP

Members can beat the crowds and unlock early entry at 9 a.m.! Only 250 VIP tickets available.

Get tickets at sciencebuff.org.

Prepurchased ticket line available for faster entry!

12 MONTHS OF SCIENCE

Our celebration of 12 Months of Science continues in September and October 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 for our full lineup of experiences!**

12 MONTHS OF SCIENCE

September is
**H₂WHOA!
MONTH**



Water you waiting for? Dive into the science of water! Whether it's fun with bubbles or the ecology of our local waterways, let us whet your appetite for water science with our hands-on activities and programs.

12 MONTHS OF SCIENCE

October is
**MONSTERS,
MYTHS
& SCIENCE
MONTH**



Could Dr. Frankenstein really use electricity to bring his monster to life? Is the Headless Horseman the only living thing that could survive *without* a head? Explore the science of monsters and myths with our hands-on demos, stage shows, and programs.

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

TWILIGHT *at the Museum*

SEPTEMBER 26 | Distant Giants
8–11 P.M. | ALL AGES

Twilight at the Museum returns for 2025. These Friday night evenings for all ages offer twilight talks with astronomers, observations of celestial objects from the rooftop deck (weather permitting), and access to all 4 floors of the Museum. Limited tickets available!

\$5 Members & \$20 nonmembers.
Register online at sciencebuff.org



SCHOOL'S OUT DISCOVERY CAMPS

OCTOBER 13 & NOVEMBER 4, 11, 26
10 A.M. – 4 P.M. | GRADES K–5

Give your child a day of exploration and discovery at the Buffalo Museum of Science during school holidays. 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.





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

For Kids & Families:
SCIENCE SEEKERS ADVENTURE

For Adults & Teens:
ESCAPE THE MUSEUM

For Everyone:
SCIENCE BUFF POINTS CHALLENGE



SCIENCE afterHOURS ADULT bubble FEST

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 6-9 P.M.
TICKETS: \$29; \$35 WITH FIZZY FOOT
SCRUB ACTIVITY* | AGES 21+
PHOTO ID REQUIRED

It's been 20 years since the Buffalo Museum of Science held its first BubbleFEST, and now it's time for the "OG" BubbleFESTERS and bubble-loving adults to return to the museum for a kids-free night of bubble fun! Discover bubble activities throughout the museum and POP into the Bubble Disco!

There will be a cash bar with beer, wine, cider, and seltzers available.

ACCESSIBLE TRAIL TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE



Changes are happening out at Tifft as we continue work on our accessible trail! Please pay attention to directional signage when visiting. The project is expected to be completed in spring 2026.

The BSNS has received financial support for the accessible trail from Erie County, New York State, Buffalo & Erie County Greenway Fund, NYS Assemblymember Jon D. Rivera, The Ralph C. Wilson, Jr. Legacy Funds at the Community Foundation for Greater Buffalo, and the Montgomery Family Foundation.

BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

The Buffalo Museum of Science is
closed Monday, September 1, 2025.

FOR ADULTS

MEMORY CAFE: LAKE ERIE WATERSHED BIODIVERSITY | September 18, 9:30 – 11 a.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

Join us at the Museum each third Thursday of the month for Memory Cafe. This month the focus is on the diversity of life in our Great Lake: Erie. 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.*

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 | September 3 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 | September 17, 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: FLOWER DISSECTION | September 25, 4–5 p.m. All Ages | \$6 per person

How do plants use water? What's the difference between a sepal and a petal? Learn all about flower anatomy in this hands-on workshop for all ages. Participants will dissect and analyze the parts of a flower and mount the parts for scientific reference!

FAMILY WORKSHOP: MAKE A MONSTER October 18, 2–3 p.m. | All Ages \$5 per person

Why do narwhals have tusks? How thick is elephant skin? Find the answers to these questions and more at our Family Workshop: Make-a-Monster! Discover some of the strangest animal adaptations and use your newfound knowledge to make a crazy monster craft!

PLANETARIUM SHOW: QUEEN CITY SKIES | September 6, 10:30–11:15 a.m. Ages 5+ | \$15 per person*

Join us on a tour of the skies over the Queen City and beyond. From our neighbor the Moon to this season's stargazing targets, this interactive program gives people of all ages the chance to ask questions and guide the program for a unique experience each time.

PLANETARIUM SHOW: SPLASH! IN THE SKIES | September 27, 10:30–11:15 a.m. Ages 5+ | \$15 per person*

Did you know there's a dolphin constellation? Or that Maui's fish hook is real? Did somebody say poop deck? Bring your favorite Aquarius, a few ichthyologists, or some nautical neighbors to explore the myths behind some of astronomy's soggiest symbols.

PLANETARIUM SHOW: ASTRONOMICAL BEASTS AND WHERE TO FIND THEM

October 18 & 25, 10:30–11:15 a.m.

Ages 5+ | \$15 per person*

The constellations we use to map the skies are based on stories passed down for generations. They have deep roots in magic, mystery and adventure. Join us as we go on a skywatching safari to find animals we know and love... and creatures we can only hope are just our imagination!

SCIENCE STORYTIME | Wednesdays, 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.

SOLAR SATURDAYS | Select Saturdays through October 25 | 12–3 p.m. | All ages FREE with museum admission

Weather permitting, get a rooftop view of the Buffalo Niagara region and beyond. Please visit sciencebuff.org for current accessibility to the rooftop.

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.

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.

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.

Celebrate HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Join us in celebrating some of the many scientific contributions of Hispanic Americans.

On view September 15 – October 15



Throw a Birthday Party to Remember!

**Packages start at \$280
Themes for Ages 3+**

TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

*The Tifft Nature Preserve Education Center is
closed Monday, September 1, 2025.*

FOR ADULTS

SciNIGHT ADULT WORKSHOPS | ADULTS 18+

WATERCOLOR OUTDOORS

September 25, 7–9 p.m. | Ages 18+
\$45 per person*

Put paintbrush to paper during a guided beginner watercolor class outdoors, overlooking the Lake! We'll sip delicious handmade mocktails while enjoying our inspiring view of the water and beyond. All materials provided and available for you to KEEP—pure pigment watercolor paint set, paintbrush, and watercolor paper. Class will be indoors if weather requires.

HARVEST WREATH MAKING

October 16, 7–9 p.m. | Ages 18+
\$30 per person*

Use the bounty of materials that nature provides in the fall to create a beautiful make-and-take 14-inch wreath. All materials will be provided. Participants are welcome to bring items of their own to add.

VOLUNTEER TOUR GUIDE TRAINING

September 23, 30 & October 7
9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Ages 18+

Do you enjoy sharing the great outdoors with groups of children? Then Tifft wants you as a Volunteer Tour Guide! Register by September 18 for this three-part series on Tifft's significance and how we showcase our natural heritage to thousands of children each year. Candidates must attend all three dates. Please call (716) 825-6397 for more information.

September 23: Tifft Nature Preserve history, mission, services, & natural heritage.

September 30: The art & science of successful interpretive tour guiding.

October 7: Group tour practice, assessment, & provided lunch.

STORIES OF FRIGHT NIGHT HIKE

October 10, 7–8:30 p.m. | Ages 18+
\$12 per person*

Embark into the darkness on a guided tour through the woodlands and marsh to hear short stories of frightful creatures and eerie lore. Hot cider and refreshments served indoors afterwards.

MEMORY CAFE: TREE I.D.

October 16, 9:30–11 a.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

Join us at Tifft this month for Memory Cafe. This month the focus is on trees and seasonal color changes in the landscape. Learn how to identify common species. 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.

FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

INSECTIVAL | September 21, 1–3 p.m.
All Ages | \$12 per person*

Celebrate summer's end with a bug-tastic family event! Search for live butterflies, beetles, and bugs of all kinds outdoors with our bug-catching gear! Enjoy indoor kid's make-n-take crafts, educational exhibits, hands-on fun activities, and real edible insects to taste—if you dare!

AUTUMN SUNRISE HIKE | October 4,
7–8:30 a.m. | Ages 12+ | \$12 per person*

Greet the morning sun as it rises over the marsh and warms the Earth on an invigorating guided trail hike. Afterwards, enjoy delicious refreshments on the back deck overlooking Lake Kirsty!

TRASH OR TREAT TRAIL CLEAN-UP
October 12, 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.

**CHILDREN'S TIFFT OR TREAT
HALLOWEEN PARTY** | October 24
6–9 p.m. | Ages 3–12 | \$12 per person*
Choose the 6 p.m. or 7 p.m. entry time

Join us for a children's not-so-scary Halloween party indoors and on the trails! Your young ghouls will encounter LIVE axolotl, spiders, lizards, snakes, and frogs with Mark Carra of FaciNature, make-n-take crafts, hot cider, donuts, and hands-on fun activities indoors. Outdoors, venture into the woods for an optional trail scavenger hunt. Wear your family-friendly Halloween costume to be entered for prizes in our costume contest (for adults too)!



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WELLNESS WALKS

Presented by
Independent Health.

**SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25, &
 OCTOBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**
**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.

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NEW OFFERING!

CTLE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CREDITS

STEAM IN THE SCHOOLYARD

October 1, 5–8 p.m. | Ages 18+
Tifft Nature Preserve

Connect your classroom curriculum to any greenspace outside your school! Whether you have one tree or a courtyard full, come play with us while we explore simple cross-curricular, nature-based activities that can be applied to your classroom. We will explore nature journaling, math in nature, basic local wildlife and plants ecology of the schoolyard, and much more! This indoor and outdoor CTLE Workshop is appropriate for anyone interested in implementing your school outdoor space once or regularly throughout your school year for grades K to high school. **This workshop provides 3 CTLE Professional Development credits.**

BACKYARD GEOLOGY

October 25, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. | Ages 18+
Buffalo Museum of Science, Cummings

From Niagara Falls to the shores of Lake Erie, learn about Western New York's ancient past. Examine the geologic processes that have shaped the region over the last billion years. Participants will explore rocks and fossils and make connections between the geologic past and the present-day inhabitants of Western New York through hands-on activities perfect for their classrooms.

This workshop provides 6 CTLE Professional Development credits.



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Valuing Nature's Wisdom



The programs of the Buffalo Society of Natural Sciences are supported in part by public funds from the County of Erie; City of Buffalo; New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation; and our members and friends.

Buffalo Museum of Science

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NEW MUSEUM HOURS!

Museum Hours through December 31, 2025

Monday – Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Extended Wednesday night hours are not available this fall.

Closings

Closed September 1

3 p.m. closing on September 19.

Tifft Nature Preserve

1200 Fuhrmann Blvd, Buffalo, NY 14203
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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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