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## Buffalo Museum of Science & Tifft Nature Preserve

MARCH & APRIL 2026

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# dino FEST

ROAR & EXPLORE WEEKEND

**MARCH 21-22**

Tickets on sale now at [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org)

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## IMPOSSIBLE SCIENCE LIVE!

Daily shows  
**APRIL 7-11** with  
World Champion  
of Magic Jason  
Latimer!

Free for BMS Members

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# DISCOVERY CAMPS

Weekly Camps June 29 - Sep. 4

Featuring camps for grades K-12!

Members save \$35 per camp week.

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**MARCH 26, 2026**

*Wonderful Cambrian  
Beasts and Where to  
Find Them*

Javier Ortega-Hernandez, PhD

Add-on Option:  
*Behind-the-scenes geology tour!*

  
**SCIENCE BUFF**  
Lecture Series

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# SPRING EGG stravaganza

**APRIL 3**

Tifft's annual celebration of  
animals that hatch from eggs!

# dino FEST

ROAR & EXPLORE WEEKEND

**MARCH 21-22**

10 A.M. - 5 P.M.

Our annual event about dinosaurs, geology, and paleontology is now offered over TWO DAYS! Take part in our most popular DinoFEST activities, such as our sluice station, dino characters, and giant foam dig pit, as well as some exciting new experiences!

*\$25 adults; \$21 children;  
FREE for members & children under 2*

*Tickets at [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org)*

 **AU-SOME NIGHT**  
at the Museum

# dino FEST

**MARCH 27 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.**

Enjoy sensory-friendly dino and paleontology activities in a calm atmosphere with limited exhibit sounds throughout the museum.

*Supported by the Exceptional Education Department at Buffalo State University.*

*\$23 adults; \$19 children;  
FREE for Members*

*Tickets at [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org)*



## SCIENCE BUFF Lecture Series

### *Wonderful Cambrian Beasts and Where to Find Them*

Javier Ortega-Hernandez, PhD  
Harvard University

*2025-2026 Paleontological Society  
Distinguished Lecturer*

The Cambrian fossil record is famously full of so-called "weird wonders", extinct soft-bodied organisms with an otherworldly appearance that have captured the imagination of researchers and the public alike.

But where do these strange animals come from? Why are they preserved so exquisitely? What does this mean for understanding the early evolution of animals?

Come and learn the answers to these questions and maybe walk away with even more questions of your own.

**MARCH 26 | 7 P.M.**

*Includes museum admission from 5 to 9 p.m.*

#### **Lecture Admission**

\$25 per person

\$5 with membership or school ID

*Preregistration encouraged*

#### **Lecture + Behind-the-Scenes Geology Rocks! Tour at 5 p.m.**

\$50 per person

\$30 with membership or school ID

See page 4 for tour description.

*Preregistration required*

The Science Buff Lecture Series features a lineup of distinguished guest lecturers, acclaimed authors, and thought leaders who share their expertise across a wide range of scientific disciplines.



# Summer 2026 DISCOVERY CAMPS

**Weekly Camps**  
**June 29-September 4**

Featuring camps up to Grade 12!  
Members save \$35 per camp week.

Register now at [sciencebuff.org](http://sciencebuff.org) and [tiff.org](http://tiff.org)



## MUSEUM CAMP THEMES

### Pre-K to Grade 5

*Echoes of the Ancients*

*Inter-STELLAR!*

*Camp-ocalypse*

*Colorful Science*

*Monsters of the Deep*

### Grades 6-12

*Backstage Science*

*Under the Microscope*

*Surviving Space*

*Tabletop Quest*

## TIFFT CAMP THEMES

### Pre-K to Grade 5

*Secret Life of Bugs*

*Wilderness Survival*

*Nature Rocks!*

*Warm and Fuzzy All Over*

*Flora, Foliage & Fungi*

### Grades 6-8

*Wild Kitchen*

*Outdoor Adventures*

**SPOTS ARE  
FILLING FAST!**



**IMPOSSIBLE  
SCIENCE**  
*LIVE!*

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SPRING BREAK FEATURE

## World Champion of Magic **JASON LATIMER**

Latimer's high-energy **IMPOSSIBLE SCIENCE** show blends mind-blowing magic with real science!

Throughout the museum, enjoy hands-on science demos, scavenger hunts, and creative crafts for all ages.

**APRIL 7 - 11**  
FOUR SHOWS DAILY

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

*Included with spring break admission  
and free for members.*

# BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

## FOR ADULTS

### ADULT WORKSHOPS | ADULTS 18+

#### ADULT WORKSHOP: PI THROUGH TIME

March 14, 3:14-4:14 p.m.

\$10\* plus museum admission

Come join us this Pi Day to discover the secrets of everyone's favorite irrational mathematic constant! Learn how people have approximated pi throughout its 4000 year history, create a visualization of the number, and flex your math muscles at this hands-on interactive workshop!

#### ADULT WORKSHOP: GYOTAKU

April 18, 2-3 p.m.

\$10\* plus museum admission

Explore the art of gyotaku, fish printing, in our hands-on workshop that links creativity and natural beauty. Learn about the history and techniques of this art form and create your own lifelike prints to take home. You'll be o-fish-ally hooked! *All materials are provided and no prior experience is required.*

### MEMORY CAFES | ADULTS 18+

Join us at the museum each 3rd Thursday of the month when we provide adults with memory challenges and their loved ones an opportunity to explore science and nature through the museum's collection in a supportive, social and welcoming environment. Each session will present unique collections items and an interactive science 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.*

### THE PREHISTORIC HISTORY OF WNY LIFE

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

Our March session's special guest is our Director of Science, Dr. Holly Schreiber. Dr. Holly will describe ancient WNY and we'll make some paleo art!

### MEMORY CAFE: WATERCOLOR NOTECARDS

April 16, 9:30-11 a.m. | Ages 18+ | FREE

This month we are relaxing while creating beautiful watercolor notecards. Regardless of skill level, each participant will make a lovely piece of art.

### SCIENCE BUFF LECTURE

#### *Wonderful Cambrian Beasts and Where to Find Them*

with Javier Ortega-Hernandez, PhD, Harvard University

March 26 | 7-8:30 p.m.

\$25 or \$5 with membership or school ID

*Includes museum admission from 5 to 9 p.m.*

*See page two for lecture description*

### SCIENCE BUFF LECTURE + GEOLOGY ROCKS! BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

March 26 | 5-6:30 p.m. | Ages 18+

\$50 or \$30 with membership or school ID

*Fee includes admission to the lecture at 7 p.m.*

Add a special tour to your lecture night!

*Holmes! What kind of rock is this? Sedimentary, my dear Watson. Learn why this and other CoRn Y jokes are funny by investigating the museum's Geology Collection. Come behind the scenes and see the rock cycle, marvel at our minerals and discover our large fossil collection. 10 spots available; preregistration required.*

## FAMILY & 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.

#### Geology with Joe

Wednesdays, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | Terra

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

#### Cataloging—A Work in Progress

Fridays, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | 4th Floor Collections

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.

#### Mussel Memory

Fridays, 2-4 p.m. | 4th Floor Collections (stair access only)

Take a moment to wade into our Digital Imaging Lab to reveal how digitization has brought our Freshwater Mussel Collection out of memories past and into the forefront of current research.

*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.*

## FAMILY & PUBLIC PROGRAMS *cont'd.*

### FAMILY WORKSHOP: BUILD-A-BUG

March 7, 2–3 p.m. | All Ages | \$6 per person plus museum admission

Learn about the parts of a bug in this arthropod architecture workshop! From cephalothorax to elytra, learn about the anatomy of bugs! Participants will meet our living bug ambassadors and build their own creepy crawly craft to bring home!

### PLANETARIUM SHOW: CONSTELLATION MYTHS

March 14, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. | Ages 5+ \$15\* plus museum admission

People 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!

### GIRL SCOUT - BROWNIE ROBOTICS WORKSHOP | March 14, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. Ages 5+ | \$12 plus museum admission

Explore the world of robotics with your Brownie Girl Scouts at this hands-on workshop! From logic to commands, explore and get hands-on with real robots. Participants will learn about how computers "think", discover how to give a robot instructions, and even try to design a robot who can solve an obstacle course!

### PLANETARIUM SHOW: QUEEN CITY SKIES

April 18, 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m. | Ages 5+ \$15\* plus museum admission

Join us on a tour of the skies over Western New York and beyond. We'll identify this season's stargazing targets and share some real-world tips to get the best skywatching experience Western New York has to offer. This program gives people of all ages the chance to ask questions and guide our topics for a unique experience each time.

### FAMILY WORKSHOP: COLORFUL CHEMISTRY | April 18, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. All Ages | \$6 + museum admission

Calling all artists! Use the power of chemistry to create unique and colorful art pieces with the powers of acids and bases! Participants will learn all about the pH scale and get to make and take their own piece of art!

### EARTH SCIENCE STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATIONS | April 22, 5-8 p.m. All Ages | Included with museum admission; free with student ID

Learn about the work local students are doing in the field of earth science and connect with earth science professionals. Co-sponsored by the University at Buffalo Earth Sciences Department and the Buffalo Association of Professional Geologists.

### GIRL SCOUT - JUNIORS ROBOTICS WORKSHOP | April 25, 2–3 p.m. | \$12 plus museum admission

Explore the world of robotics with your Junior Girl Scouts at this hands-on workshop! From logic to commands, explore and get hands-on with real robots. Participants will learn about how computers "think", discover how to give a robot instructions, and even try to design a robot who can solve an obstacle course!

## DISCOVERY CAMPS

### SCHOOL'S OUT DISCOVERY CAMP

March 20, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Grades K-2 & 3-5 \$75 per child\*

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!

### SPRING BREAK DISCOVERY CAMP

April 6-10, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Grades K-2 & 3-5 \$375 per child\*

Discovery Camp is blasting off this Spring Break as we take on an exploration of outer space! Campers will enjoy space-themed activities and a visit to see some demonstrations from the museum's partner organizations, as well as a one-of-a-kind stage show!

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

# TIFFT NATURE PRESERVE

## Earth Day MARKET

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



Saturday, April 25 | 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## SPRING EGG stravaganza

Friday, April 3 | 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

All ages | Tickets: \$14\*

Join in the EGG-streme fun and EGG-citement at TiffT'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](http://TIFFT.ORG) FOR TICKETS.**



## FOR ADULTS

### SKETCHING SKULLS WORKSHOP

March 19, 7–8:30 p.m. | Ages 18+  
\$35 per person\*

Sit, sip handmade mocktails, and sketch skulls... lots of different skulls! We'll start with a presentation of local wildlife skull identification, for when you find that mystery skull on your next hike. We'll explore the parts of mammal, bird, and reptile skulls, (including the human skull!). Then we'll explore different materials for rendering a skull of your choice on paper with pencil, watercolors or charcoal. All levels of interest invited! *All materials provided.*

### PLANNING AND PLANTING A NATIVE GARDEN

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

Grow your gardening knowledge this Earth Day! Discover native and pollinator friendly alternatives for your landscape and garden (plant this... not that!) while also learning the basics of garden design techniques with Kristy Schmitt, Programs Manager at the BMS and Certified Nursery & Landscape Professional. Come away from a relaxing evening overlooking the sunset on Lake Kirsty inspired and ready for this season with a garden blueprint and species list that you create!

## FOR KIDS

### KID'S NIGHT OUT

March 27, 5:30–8:30 p.m. | Ages 6-8  
\$45 per child\*

Drop-off the kids (ages 6-8) at Tift for a night of fun with our staff! We'll enjoy a pizza dinner, go for a twilight hike, make crafts, play games, and end with a nature-themed movie and fresh popcorn! *Limited space. Advance registration required BY MARCH 20.*

### 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 SCOUTS | \$15 per scout

*Advanced registration required. No member discount applied.*

### CADETTE SOW WHAT JOURNEY

March 7, 1 – 4 p.m.

### JUNIORS GET MOVING JOURNEY

April 19, 1 – 4 p.m.

### BROWNIE WOW JOURNEY

March 22, April 18, 1 – 4 p.m.

## FOR KIDS AND ADULTS

### SPRING TWILIGHT HIKE

March 20, 6–7:30 p.m. | All Ages  
\$11 per person\*

Watch nature getting ready to rest and awaken at night as we enjoy the sun setting on a guided spring twilight hike.

### MAPLE SUGAR WALK

March 28, 2–4 p.m. | All Ages  
\$12 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

March 29, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. | All Ages  
FREE

Registered for Summer Camp and have questions? Join us in-person 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. Campers who have not been to Tift Nature Preserve are highly encouraged to attend.

### EARTH DAY MARKET

April 25, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. | All Ages  
FREE TO ENTER

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

## WELLNESS WALKS

Presented by  
Independent  
Health.

**MARCH 5, 12, 19, 26**

**APRIL 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

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

Drop by Tift 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.

# COMING SOON

Scan to  
learn more!

New **SCIENCE STADIUM** exhibit  
opening in 2026 in partnership with



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Valuing Nature's Wisdom



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## Buffalo Museum of Science

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**Adults (18-61)** .....\$23 **\$23.69**

**Children (2-17), Seniors (62+)  
or Student/Military (ID REQUIRED)** .....\$19 **\$19.57**

**Children Under 2** ..... **FREE**

**Members**..... **FREE**

**SPRING BREAK ADMISSION (APRIL 7-11)**

*Includes entry to Impossible 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**

**Members**..... **FREE**

### Museum Hours

Monday - Friday 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

*The Museum will be closed on Sunday, April 5.*

## 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.

The Education Center will be closed Sunday, April 5.

*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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