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March is Bustling with Activity at Toledo's Science Center

TOLEDO, Ohio – I'm boooooorrrreeeed. There's nothing to dooooooo! Battling the winter blahs? There's no shortage of fun, engaging and exciting things to do at Imagination Station in March.

It's the perfect time to put down the electronics, get out of the house and stretch your mind and legs! Visitors will trick their eyes and challenge their minds in Imagination Station's latest traveling exhibit, learn a new skill in the Tinkering Space, soar into the world of birds and use their senses to make new discoveries.

March events and activities include:

Temporary Exhibit: *The Rooms of Illusion*

Daily in March

Imagination Station's latest temporary exhibition is mind-boggling! *The Rooms of Illusion* features four individually-themed interactive rooms with optical illusions that will challenge visitors' perceptions and allow them to see everyday surroundings in a whole new light! Visitors who like the science center's Mind Zone learning world will love *The Rooms of Illusion!* *Exhibit included with admission.*

Tinkering Space: Micro:bits – NEW!

Daily in March

Visitors can dive into the world of computer coding by programming a handheld micro-computer. Micro:bits can be used for all sorts of cool creations, from robots to musical instruments. Tinkerers will stretch their imagination and experiment with the cause-and-effect world of coding! *Included with admission.*

Science Story Time: Ramps

Tuesday – Saturday, 11:15am; Sunday at 1:15pm

Young children and their caregivers will enjoy an exciting interactive story followed by a hands-on activity designed to support science learning. This month, little learners will observe objects in motion and explore physics through hands-on activities with ramps. *Included with admission.*

Robotics Weekend

March 7 – 8

Learn how robots are designed, built and programmed for specific tasks. Watch as local robotics competition groups demonstrate their machines, try to direct robots to accomplish a goal and experiment with coding mini robots. *Included with admission.*

Little Scientist Week

March 10 – 15

Watch little learners become scientists in a miniature laboratory that appeal to their interests and their senses! Designed with the science center's youngest visitors in mind, this week is dedicated to learning how to make scientific observations using the senses of taste, touch, smell, sight and hearing. *Included with admission.*

\$5 After 5pm

Thursday, March 19, 5 – 8pm

Explore Toledo's Science Center for a reduced admission rate! Bring the whole family for the evening and experience hundreds of hands-on exhibits for just \$5 admission each. *\$5 After 5pm is offered the third Thursday of each month.*



Let it Glow!

March 21 – 25

Don't be left in the dark! Explore the visible light spectrum and discover why some objects react to ultraviolet light while others do not. Observe insects that glow under UV light, experiment with Black Light Slime and test Glow Spheres. Then get creative and let it glow with highlighter art masterpiece making! *Included with admission.*

Nerdy Derby

March 27 – 29

Imagination Station's annual race encourages imagination, motivation and determination. Speedsters and Slow and Steadies alike will design, build and race derby cars down a 40-foot track. Pit crew members will tinker to get the perfect combination of aerodynamics and weight to overcome the forces of gravity and friction to be named the fastest – or slowest – racer of the day. *Included in science center admission.*

Imagination Station workshops in March:

Think Tank Workshops: Egg Decorating Chemistry

March 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 at 2pm

Workshop participants will explore chemistry concepts as they fill a basket with beautifully decorated eggs! Using a variety of kitchen pantry items and natural ingredients, they will create artistic designs and dye egg shells. New this year, personalized eggs courtesy of Imagination Station's EggBot robot! *Registration is required. Workshop pricing – members: \$6 each; non-members: \$8 each. Science center admission must be purchased separately for non-members.*

Little Scientist Workshops

Thursdays, 11:30am – 12:15pm

Families with preschool children are encouraged to investigate the world around them through this series of workshops filled with hands-on learning. In March, Little Scientists will use their senses to explore the animal world to discover the ways they communicate, where they live and how they interact. *Registration required. Workshops are \$5 each or \$40 for the series for Imagination Station Members or \$7 each and \$55 for the series for Non-members.*

Mini Explorers Club: Ramps

Tuesdays, March 10 or 24, 1 – 2:15pm and 2:30 – 3:45pm

Saturday, March 21, 1 – 2:15pm

Children ages 3 - 5 will Learn about force, motion and simple machines as they build and test ramps. They will examine textured ramp surfaces and experiment to see how far a car can jump by building ramps of all shapes, sizes and angles. *Included in science center admission.*

On Saturdays, all Lucas County residents receive a \$2 discount and FREE admission for kids 12 and under with paid adult admission, limit two children per adult.

Imagination Station provides a critical layer of science enrichment by serving as an educational partner for teachers, schools and parents. It's with a thoughtful blend of exhibits, experiences, education and excitement that Imagination Station inspires visitors to pursue STEM careers in Northwest Ohio.

Regular Hours: **Tuesday – Saturday, 10am – 5pm**
 Sunday, Noon – 5pm

For more information, please call 419.244.2674 or visit imaginationstationtoledo.org.

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