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April Showers Bring Indoor Fun for Hours at Imagination Station

TOLEDO, Ohio – April is notorious for having wacky weather. Stay warm and dry inside while enjoying egg-citing hands-on events and activities at Imagination Station. This month is packed with fun things to do!

Upcoming special events:

Egg Drop Challenge

Saturday – Sunday, April 13 - 14

One of Imagination Station's most popular events is back – the Egg Drop Challenge! Visitors will use engineering and ingenuity to create a contraption that will protect an egg from a 20-foot drop. Participants whose egg survives the fall will be entered to a prize drawing.

Upcycling Celebration

Monday, April 15 – Monday, April 22

Learn how to care for the planet while turning trash into treasure! Upcycle plastic bottle caps into colorful wall art, lawn ornaments and jewelry. The science center will collect unwanted cell phones and tablets. Visitors who recycle these small electronics will receive free admission to the science center's temporary exhibit, *Popnology: From Sci-Fi to Wi-Fi*.

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Art Loop: Poetry and Performance

Thursday, April 18, 5 – 9pm

Imagination Station is once again a stop on the Art Loop. The science center is kicking off the 2019 season with BYOS: Bring Your Own Sock! Everyone has at least one sock without a match - turn that lonely foot covering into a one-of-a-kind puppet and put on a show!

April programming at the science center includes:

Mini Explorers Club

April 9 or 30, 2 – 3:30pm

Children ages 3 – 5 and their grown-ups will observe weather patterns using tools and record their observations through drawings and writing. Together they will create fluffy clouds and investigate the power of wind and how it makes things move. Free with admission.



Little Scientist Workshops

Thursdays, 11:30am

Little Scientist Workshops encourage families with young children to investigate the world around them. This spring, explore solids, liquids and gases, investigate the food chain and learn about how the day turns to night. Registration required.

Think Tank Workshops — Egg-tastic Decorating Chemistry

Saturdays at 2pm

Dipping eggs into brightly colored dyes not only makes them pretty, but it also changes the molecular structure of the surface of the shell. Visitors will crack the chemistry of egg dyeing and tap into their creativity as they decorate eggs in this egg-citing workshop! Registration required.

Tinkering Space — Crank Puppet Blocks

All month

Using wood, wire and hand tools, visitors can build their own automata and with the turn of a handle, bring it to life! This free Tinkering Space activity invites makers of all ages to explore simple machines and basic engineering concepts as they create a mechanical puppet to take home.

Time is running out to visit Imagination Station's temporary exhibition, *Popnology: From Sci-Fi to Wi-Fi*. Visit before April 28 to land a Mars Rover; explore nine different 3-D environments; test drive robotics and learn how pop culture influences technology. Tickets are \$4 for non-members and free for members, and are sold separately from admission to the science center. *Popnology* is sponsored by Pepsi Beverage Companies.

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.

All Lucas County residents receive a \$2 discount and FREE Saturday admission for kids, 12 and under, with paid adult admission. For more information, please call 419.244.2674 or visit www.imaginationstationtoledo.org.

WHAT: **Imagination Station April Events**

WHEN: **Regular Hours:**
Tuesday – Saturday: 10am – 5pm
Sunday: Noon – 5pm*
Monday: Closed*

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