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Race in for *Summer of Speed* at Imagination Station

TOLEDO, Ohio – This summer, zoom, blast and whoosh into Imagination Station to explore the science of speed! Investigate how race cars and rockets, planes and people, boats and baseballs overcome the forces of friction and gravity to move so fast.

Visitors won't want to miss their chance to build and test boats and rockets, construct a car, dismantle a Jeep and check their throwing speed. *Summer of Speed* kicks off Saturday, June 1 and runs through Monday, September 2. The science center is open on Independence Day and Labor Day.

Summer of Speed events include:

Start Your Engines!

Saturday – Sunday, June 1 – 2

Gear up for a speedy summer! Visitors will explore the physics of racing as they design, build and race a wind-powered sail car. They can investigate a stock car, then construct their own using PVC pipe or LEGO® blocks, then head to the riverfront to watch crew teams in action on the Maumee River with Toledo Rowing Club (*Saturday 12:30pm and 2pm, weather permitting*). Race fans can enter to win four tickets and pit passes to the 2019 FireKeepers Casino 400 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Race courtesy of Michigan International Speedway.

UT Rocket Motorsports

Saturday, June 8

Meet members of Rocket Motorsports, The University of Toledo's Formula SAE Team as they enter the 2019 competition season. See what's under the hood of their student-built race car, learn about the engineering design process and try to roll a strike in tire bowling.

Muddy Mini Promotion

Saturday – Sunday, June 15 – 16

Toledo is known for its speedy and competitive running races. Imagination Station is celebrating human performance with Dave's Running and Run Toledo by allowing runners to show their bib and save. Participants of the Muddy Mini who show their race bib at Visitor Services will receive special buy one, get one free admission Saturday and Sunday.

Nerdy Derby Cup

Thursday, June 20

Corporate teams take to the track in the name of science in this annual fundraising event. Creativity, innovation and the spirit of friendly competition are the name of the game as local organizations compete for a spot in the winner's circle as they support informal science education. *Presented by Comfort Line FiberFrame. Registration and entry fee required.*

Nerdy Derby

Friday – Sunday, June 21 – 23

The fastest (and slowest) weekend of racing is back! Speedsters of all ages are invited to bring their best engineering skills and racing strategy to construct a car and race it down a winding 40-foot track. This annual challenge rewards both the fastest and the slowest racer – and remember, the only rule is: there are no rules! *Presented by Comfort Line FiberFrame.*



Full Speed Ahead

Thursday, June 27

Toledo's lakes and rivers are fantastic resources for boating, kayaking, skiing and enjoying personal water craft. Learn how to safely enjoy these watersports with activities provided by the Ohio Department of Natural Resources.

Rock the River Viewing Party

Saturday, June 29, 11am – 9pm

The NGK Spark Plugs Formula One Powerboat Championships will make waves on the Maumee River! Racing fans can get a front-row seat to all the action and enjoy food and drink specials at Imagination Station's H2O Cafe. *Tickets required.*

Maximum Airspeed

Saturday – Sunday, July 6 – 7

Visitors can discuss careers in aviation as they make paper airplanes with a pilot. They will learn how lift, thrust, drag and weight affect an airplane's ability to fly as they overcome gravity to send a rocket soaring and race a hoop glider.

Good Form Running Presentation

Saturday, July 13, 1pm

Competitive runners are always striving to meet personal performance goals. Visitors can learn new techniques for becoming a more efficient and healthy runner with this Good Form Running presentation. Dave's Running Shop's coaches will be on hand with expert advice to help athletes set new records and remain injury-free. *Presentation included with science center admission.*

One Giant Leap: 50th Anniversary of Lunar Landing

Saturday – Sunday, July 20 – 21

On July 20, 1969 Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to set foot on the moon. Imagination Station will celebrate the bravery and curiosity of these early space visionaries and inspire new dreams of space travel. Visitors will build and launch water rockets, learn how specialized tiles protect spacecraft and experiment with gravity.

Dave's Kids Camp Promotion

Saturday – Sunday, July 27 - 28

Imagination Station is celebrating human performance with Dave's Running and Run Toledo. Kids can make this their summer of speed when they participate in Dave's Kids Camp. Runners will receive buy one, get one free admission Saturday and Sunday when they show their race bib at Visitor Services.

Toledo Rowing Club

Saturday, August 3

With crew team members working in unison, their shells seem to glide effortlessly across the water. Learn about the sport of rowing with Toledo Rowing Club and area crew teams. Visitors will get an up-close look at a sculling boat and see if they have what it takes to compete as they practice rowing.

Jeep Take-apart

Tuesday, August 6 – Sunday, August 18

Visitors are invited to become a mechanic for a day and learn how to use socket wrenches, screwdrivers and specialized tools as they work to dismantle a Jeep piece-by-piece.



**Jeep Fest 4-Miler and 1.3-Mile Walk Promotion
Saturday – Sunday, August 10 -11**

Sprint through downtown Toledo, then dash into the science center! Imagination Station is celebrating human performance with Dave's Running and Run Toledo by allowing runners to show their bib and save. Participants of the Jeep Fest 4-Miler and 1.3-Mile Walk who show their race bib at Visitor Services will receive buy one, get one free admission Saturday and Sunday.

Summer of Speed activities are included in science center admission. All Lucas County residents receive a \$2 discount and FREE Saturday admission for kids, 12 and under with paid adult admission, limit two children per adult. For more information, please call 419.244.2674 or visit www.imaginationstationtoledo.org.

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.

WHAT: **Summer of Speed at Imagination Station**

WHEN: **Saturday, June 1 – Monday, September 2***

Regular Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday 10am – 5pm

Sunday Noon – 5pm

*** Imagination Station is open:**

Independence Day, Thursday, July 4

Labor Day, Monday, September 2

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