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## Summertime is fun time at Toledo's Science Center

TOLEDO, Ohio – – Summer is the season for adventure! Longer days mean more time to explore, tinker, imagine and play. Imagination Station provides a wide variety of opportunities for informal learning and fun designed to inspire, engage and entertain kids and adults all summer long.

Upcoming special events:

### **Summer of Speed: Start Your Engines!**

**Saturday – Sunday, June 1 – 2**

Zoom, blast and whoosh into Imagination Station to explore the science of speed! This summer is full of activities designed to inspire visitors to consider how race cars and rockets, planes and people, boats and baseballs travel so fast. Build a wind-powered sail car, LEGO race car, or PVC chassis as *Summer of Speed* begins. Better hurry, the summer's gonna go fast!

### **Trivia Night at H<sub>2</sub>O Cafe**

**Sunday, June 9, 6pm**

Trivia buffs are encouraged to grab their friends and head to the riverfront for Trivia Night on Imagination Station's patio. From Clark Griswold to Darth Vader, this month teams will be challenged to name famous dads.

### **Science on Tap!**

**Thursday, June 13, 6 – 9pm**

This new 21+ event invites beer-lovers and science enthusiasts to sample craft beers from local five local breweries, learn about fermentation science, try the unique sport of axe throwing and dance the night away with Old State Line at the science center. *Ticket required.*

### **\$5 After 5pm**

**Thursday, June 20, 5 – 8pm**

The science center is open late on the third Thursday each month to allow science lovers to squeeze some fun into their busy schedules at a special admission price. From 5 – 8pm, visitors can experience hundreds of hands-on exhibits for just \$5. Imagination Station is also a stop on the Art Loop and visitors can take part in free art activities provided by the science center.

### **Nerdy Derby Cup**

**Thursday, June 20, 6 – 9pm**

Corporate teams gather for an exciting night of derby-racing, teambuilding and comradery. It's a spirited night of competition that helps raise funds for science education programs at the science center. No matter the final results, this makes everyone a winner! *Presented by Comfort Line FiberFrame. Registration and entry fee required.*

### **Nerdy Derby**

**Friday – Sunday, June 21 - 23**

Design, build and a race derby car down an incredible 40-foot track. Pit 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. *Presented by Comfort Line FiberFrame.*



**Name That Tune with Dave & Melissa at H<sub>2</sub>O Cafe**

**Saturday, June 22, 6pm**

Music lovers are invited for an evening on the riverfront as they put all those hours listening to LPs, 8-tracks, cassettes, CDs and streaming music services to the test! Enjoy food and drink specials at the only waterfront bar in downtown Toledo.

**Rock the River Viewing Party**

**Saturday, June 29**

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 H<sub>2</sub>O Cafe. *Ticket required.*

June programming at the science center includes:

**Little Scientist Workshop: Super Summer Scientists**

**Wednesday, June 12, 10:15 – 11:15am**

Children ages 3 - 6 will learn about the Scientific Method, the process that scientists use to make discoveries as they predict which objects will float and which will sink, and see what happens when different substances are mixed together. *Registration required.*

**Mini Explorers Club: Flowers**

**June 11 or 25, 2 – 3:30pm**

Children ages 3 – 5 and their grown-ups will investigate use their senses to observe flowers, and drawing what they see. Little learners will dissect plants to identify their parts, and plant seeds to discover how flowers grow.

**Think Tank Workshops: Paper Roller Coasters**

**Saturdays at 2pm**

Aspiring civil engineers will get a thrill out of this workshop designed to encourage creativity, structural design and safety planning. They will learn more about kinetic and potential energy, friction and gravity as they plan and construct a roller coaster that will safely transport a marble from beginning to end. *Registration required.*

**Tinkering Space: Boat Building**

**All month**

Visitors of all ages can put their science, math, creativity and problem-solving skills to the test as they design and build a boat. Shipwrights will experiment with buoyancy and propulsion as they craft a vessel worthy of the stormiest seas.

**Summer Camps**

**June 10 – 14   June 17 – 21   June 24 – 28**

**Pirate-ology**

Kids ages 6 – 8 will work together to find the treasure of the salty old sea dog, Captain Gizmo. Along the way they will experiment with code-breaking, ship design, weather and ways to navigate the world. *Registration required. Presented by Jerl Machine and sponsored by BP.*

**Inside the Lab**

Campers ages 9 – 13 will go behind the scenes and see what it takes to become an Extreme Scientist as they prepare and perform lab experiments! The week ends with an Extreme Science demonstration led by campers. *Registration required.*



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](http://www.imaginationstationtoledo.org).

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