

CALENDAR & GENERAL INFORMATION

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MARCH	1	2 Afternoon Scholars Lecture	3	4 "Exploring Ethics" PLANETARIUM	5	6	7 Biosciences Day
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Sat. Science Club for Girls
	15	16	17	18	19	20	21 Family Science Day
	22 IMAX en Español	23	24	25	26	27	28
	29	30	31				
APRIL				1 "Exploring Ethics" PLANETARIUM	2	3	4 SD Science Festival Expo
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	19 IMAX en Español	20	21	22	23 "Science on the Rocks"	24	25
	26	27	28	29	30		

"Fridays at the Fleet" Weekly IMAX Film Festival (6-9 p.m.)

HOURS: Open 365 days a year. Doors open daily at 9:30 am.
 Building closes: **M-Th: 5 pm; Fri: 9 pm; Sat: 8 pm; Sun: 6 pm**
 SPRING BREAK → **April 5-16: M-Th: 7 pm; Fri: 9 pm; Sat: 8 pm; Sun: 7 pm**

ADMISSION:

	ADULT (Ages 13+)	JUNIOR (Ages 3-12)	SENIOR (Ages 65+)
Exhibit Galleries:	\$10.00	\$8.75	\$8.75
1 IMAX® film + Exhibit Galleries:	\$14.50	\$11.75	\$11.75
<i>The Sky Tonight</i> Planetarium Show:	\$10.50	\$9.00	\$9.00
Motion Simulator Ride:	\$5.00 for all ages		

ADDRESS: 1875 El Prado, San Diego, CA 92101
 Located in beautiful Balboa Park, just two blocks south of the Zoo.



MARCH/APRIL 2009

WHAT'S **NEW** AT THE FLEET?

EVENT



WHAT: Biosciences Day
 Meet local scientists and preview tomorrow's breakthroughs, today.
WHEN: Saturday, March 7

EVENT



WHAT: SD Science Festival Expo
 The Fleet is taking part in this unprecedented community event.
WHEN: Saturday, April 4

EVENT



WHAT: Rock the Solar System
 Play Guitar Hero® on the dome & raise a glass to "Giant Worlds"
WHEN: Thursday, April 23

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KEY TO SYMBOLS USED INSIDE:

🎥 : Video (B-roll) available 📷 : High-res images available 🗣️ : Interviews or science demos available

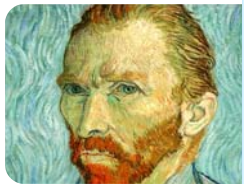
NOW PLAYING IN THE IMAX DOME



WILD OCEAN

WILD OCEAN is an explosive, symphonic film about man and nature that captures one of the world's greatest spectacles. Each year a massive feeding frenzy takes place in the oceans off South Africa as billions of fish migrate up the KwaZulu-Natal Wild Coast. Breaching whales, frenzied sharks, herding dolphins, and diving gannets compete in an epic underwater struggle for survival. **WILD OCEAN** recently received the Giant Screen Cinema Association's prestigious Achievement Awards for Best Original Score and Best Sound Design.

RUNS: Dec 13, 2008 — Spring 2009
LENGTH: 40 min **RATING:** Unrated
MEDIA RESOURCES:



VAN GOGH: Brush with Genius

Plunge into the heart of Vincent van Gogh's paintings and take a journey through the surprisingly short period of the artist's career, during which he completed more than 900 paintings. **VAN GOGH** follows in the artist's footsteps, traveling from the Netherlands to Auvers-sur-Oise then passing through Arles, Saint-Rémy and Paris. Discover the fantastic colors and distinctive brushwork of a genius.

RUNS: Dec 13, 2008 — Spring 2009
LENGTH: 40 min **RATING:** Unrated
MEDIA RESOURCES:



ANIMALOPOLIS

Singing lions, bears that waltz, sea lions turning somersaults. Otters pray, flamingos squawk, a calf who'd rather dance than walk. With 12 hilarious musical segments, each featuring a different animal, **ANIMALOPOLIS** takes a lighthearted and imaginary look at the animal kingdom and provides kids and their adults with a journey of smiles and chuckles.

RUNS: Dec 13, 2008 — Spring 2009
LENGTH: 32 min **RATING:** Unrated
MEDIA RESOURCES:

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SPECIAL EVENTS & PUBLIC PROGRAMS

Biosciences Day

Join the Scripps Research Institute, Salk Institute & UCSD for a day of hands-on science activities, a look at advanced technologies and a chance to meet local scientists on the leading edge of bioscience & biotech research.

DATE: Saturday, March 7 **TIME:** 1—4 p.m.
PRICE: Free with admission

San Diego Science Festival Expo Day

The Fleet Science Center is one of several participating museums in the first and largest science festival of its kind on the West Coast. Visitors are invited to enjoy free hands-on activities, demonstrations, experiments, contests, and performances. More details at: www.sdsciencefestival.com.

DATE: Saturday, April 4 **TIME:** 10:30 a.m.—6 p.m.
PRICE: Free—no admission required

Nano WHAT?

Discover the amazing and often bizarre world of nanotechnology. Meet scientists & engineers who work on tiny projects that hold huge promise for medical research, electronics, manufacturing and more. Hands-on activities for kids and cool demonstrations will put things in perspective.

DATE: Saturday, April 18 **TIME:** 1—4 p.m.
PRICE: Free with admission

Science on the Rocks: "Rock the Solar System"

The Fleet's quarterly social event for young professionals, with cocktails, music and special themed activities in a fun, relaxed setting. April's event is titled "Rock the Solar System," inviting aspiring rock stars to play the popular game Guitar Hero® on the Fleet's 76-foot dome screen! Admission also includes entry to the "Giant Worlds" exhibition, fun activities, two drink tickets and delicious hors d'oeuvres.

DATE: Thursday, April 23 **TIME:** 6—10 p.m.
PRICE: \$20 **AGE:** This event open to ages 21+ only

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MONTHLY EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Senior Mondays ("Afternoon Scholars")

Held on the first Monday of every month, **Senior Mondays** let guests age 65 and older enjoy our exhibit galleries, one IMAX film and an **"Afternoon Scholars"** lecture for only \$6.

PRICE: \$6/person (age 65+) **LECTURE TIME:** 12:30–2 p.m.

LECTURE TOPICS:

Mar. 2: "Music Therapy"

Apr. 6: "Nano Machines"

"Exploring Ethics" - Monthly Lecture Series

The Fleet Science Center and Center for Ethics in Science & Technology co-host this monthly panel discussion, featuring experts from different fields discussing ethical challenges raised by new developments in science and technology.

PRICE: Free **TIME:** 5:30–7 p.m. (1st Wednesday of every month)

PANEL DISCUSSION TOPICS:

Mar. 4: "Our robots, our selves"

Apr. 1: "Science, Objectivity, and Ethics: What is "Truth"?"

Saturday Science Club for Girls

Fun and challenging activities for girls (grades 5–8), as well as presentations by local women scientists. Each month's workshop focuses on a specific field, such as biology, robotics, astronomy, ecology and more!

PRICE: \$12/person **TIME:** 12–2 p.m. (2nd Saturday of every month)

SCIENCE TOPICS:

Mar. 14: "Forces of Nature"

Apr. 11: "Toy Engineering"

Family Science Day

Family Science Day offers fun hands-on activities that children and adults can explore together. Come make a science experiment that you can take home with you! All materials included free with admission

PRICE: Free with admission. **TIME:** 12–3 p.m. (3rd Saturday of every month)

SCIENCE TOPICS:

Mar. 21: "Light"

Apr. 18: "Astronomy"

EVENTS INSIDE THE SPACE THEATER

FRIDAYS AT THE FLEET

Fridays at the Fleet is our weekly IMAX film festival. Visitors can enjoy up to four films (6:00–9:00 pm) in the IMAX Dome for a big discount. See one film for \$8.50 and up to three additional films for only \$5 each! A mix of "classic" IMAX films from our archives and current films are shown.



IMAX EN ESPAÑOL



The Fleet Science Center now offers "IMAX en Español," a monthly IMAX film screening with the soundtrack entirely in Spanish! This special public screening takes place at **6 p.m.** on the third Sunday of each month.

MARCH 15, 2009: *THE HUMAN BODY*

APRIL 19, 2009: Film Title TBD

PLANETARIUM SHOWS

The Sky Tonight is back in the newly renovated Space Theater! Featuring a digital tour of San Diego's night sky in California's largest planetarium, *The Sky Tonight* is perfect for "backyard astronomers" or anyone trying to find their way around the universe. In addition, each month's live show



explores a different topic in astronomy. The San Diego Astronomy Association offers telescope viewing outdoors (weather permitting) after the planetarium show. This is a separate, free event.

DATES: **Mar. 4 and Apr. 1** **TIMES:** 7:00 p.m.

TOPICS: **MARCH 4:** "A Tour of the Solar System"

APRIL 1: "Spring Constellations & the Hubble Repair Mission"

PRICE: Adults: \$10.50; Juniors & Seniors: \$9.00

HANDS-ON SCIENCE EXHIBITS & ATTRACTIONS

TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS

ENDS
MAY 3rd!



"Giant Worlds"

Explore the extraordinary giant planets orbiting our Sun and discover what they tell us about the formation of planetary systems, Earth, and the conditions necessary for life. Learn about the formation of our Solar System and the role that gravity plays in how planets, asteroids, and comets behave. This exhibition also presents the beauty and mystery of the giant planets, through 20 colorful, interactive exhibits designed for cosmic explorers of all ages.



RUNS: Jan. 31 – May 3, 2009

MEDIA RESOURCES:



"Tinkering"

From Leonardo da Vinci to Thomas Edison, inventors throughout history have known that tinkering—*focused activity with the right materials in the right environment*—can lead to extraordinary breakthroughs. "Tinkering" features more than 20 hands-on exhibits that bring out your "inner inventor" with pulleys, electrical circuits, turntables, paper airplanes, bicycle wheels, wind tunnels, animation systems and much more. Plus, a large workshop-style "Tinkering Studio" lets kids transform household items into catapults, robots, spectrometers, mechanical toys and other novel creations. *(Bilingual)*

RUNS: Jun. 21, 2008 – Jun. 7, 2009

MEDIA RESOURCES:

PERMANENT EXHIBITIONS



"So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy"

Find out how solar panels generate electricity, compare renewable vs. non-renewable energy sources, and discover simple yet effective ways to conserve energy at home or work. *(Bilingual)*



"Kid City"

From the Factory to the Grocery Store to the Book Nook, younger visitors (infants through age five) create, play and learn as they experience the wonders of the everyday working world in this colorful, interactive exhibit space. *(Bilingual)*



Exploration Bar

Watch exciting live science demonstrations or pull up a chair and get your hands on scientific phenomena such as magnetism, light and sound. Activities take place daily and are included free with paid Science Center admission. *(Bilingual)*

ALSO: • "Aging for All Ages" • "Gallery of Illusions and Perceptions"

MOTION SIMULATOR RIDE



"Escape from Dino Island"

Now playing in our 23-passenger motion simulator ride: "Escape From Dino Island." Join an urgent mission to capture the only remaining male T-Rex in the world, before the volcano erupts and takes out all remaining life!