

# CALENDAR & GENERAL INFORMATION

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
MAY						1	2 Astronomy Day
	3	4 Afternoon Scholars Lecture	5	6 "Exploring Ethics" PLANETARIUM	7	8	9 Sat. Science Club for Girls
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16 Family Science Day: Sunlight Green Day
	17 IMAX en Español	18	19	20	21	22	23 Rubik's Cube Competition
	24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30
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	7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Sat. Science Club for Girls
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Motion Mania OPENS Family Science Day: Motion
	21 IMAX en Español	22	23	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 at:  
M-Thu: 5 pm; Fri: 9 pm; Sat: 8 pm; Sun: 6 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.

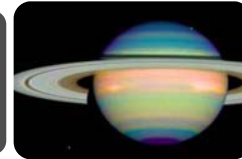


## MEDIA GUIDE & EVENTS CALENDAR

### MAY/ JUNE 2009

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

EVENT



**WHAT: Astronomy Day**  
Celebrate the 2009 International Year of Astronomy!  
**WHEN: Saturday, May 2**

EVENT



**WHAT: Green Day**  
Become a greengineer and learn about renewable energy!  
**WHEN: Saturday, May 16**

EVENT



**WHAT: Rubik's Cube Competition**  
Watch math in action as this iconic 80's puzzle goes competitive.  
**WHEN: Saturday, May 23**

EXHIBIT



**WHAT: "Motion Mania"**  
20+ hands-on exhibits to discover what makes the world go round.  
**WHEN: Opens Saturday, June 20**

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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



### UNDER THE SEA

**UNDER THE SEA** transports moviegoers to some of the most exotic and isolated undersea locations on Earth, including South Australia, the Great Barrier Reef, and the Coral Triangle Island of Papua New Guinea and Indonesia, allowing them face-to-face encounters with the most mysterious and stunning creatures of the sea. Uncover a uniquely inspirational and entertaining way to explore the beauty and natural wonder of the oceans, as well as the impact of global climate change upon them.



**RUNS:** April 1, 2009 — Spring 2010  
**LENGTH:** 40 min **RATING:** G  
**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 — Summer 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 — Summer 2009  
**LENGTH:** 32 min **RATING:** Unrated  
**MEDIA RESOURCES:**

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## SPECIAL EVENTS & PUBLIC PROGRAMS

### "Astronomy Day"

Explore the cosmos at our annual out-of-this-world activity day. The San Diego Astronomy Association will set up telescopes outside for public viewing of the surface of the sun. Astronomy Magazine and Celestron will be here to bring you fabulous prizes. Celebrate the International Year of Astronomy with hands-on activities at our annual Astronomy Day!

**DATE:** Saturday, May 2

**TIME:** 1—4 p.m.

**PRICE:** Free with admission

### "Green Day"

The Fleet has gone green! Last year we became the first building in Balboa Park to install rooftop photovoltaic solar panels and we're making changes throughout the building to reduce our environmental impact. You can too! It's easy to become a "greengineer" at this family activity day all about renewable energy. Build a solar-powered car, calculate your carbon footprint and visit our hands-on exhibition, "So WATT! An Illuminating Look at Energy."



**DATE:** Saturday, May 16

**TIME:** 12—4 p.m.

**PRICE:** Free with admission

### NEW SPANISH LANGUAGE PROGRAMMING: *EVENTOS LATINOS* **3rd Sunday of every month: 4:00—5:30 p.m.**

Adult lectures by Spanish speaking professionals will be presented monthly. Family friendly Spanish language activities will also be offered. Free with admission.

### Rubik's Cube Competition

Puzzle pros converge at the Fleet Science Center for the fourth-annual San Diego Rubik's Cube Competition. Enter to compete or watch "cube masters" tackle a series of mind-boggling events, including solving the iconic puzzle in less than 30 seconds... or while blindfolded! Plus, learn how basic mathematical algorithms make solving the puzzle quick and easy!



**DATE:** Saturday, May 23

**TIME:** 9:30 a.m. —5 p.m.

**PRICE:** Free with admission

## 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:**

**May 4:** "Forensic Entomology"      **June 1:** "Anthropology"

### "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. (1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month)

**UPCOMING PANEL DISCUSSIONS:** **May 6 and June 3**

Past topics have included stem cell research, evolution, robotics, and surveillance. Check our website for May & June topics.

### 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. (2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of every month)

**SCIENCE TOPICS:**

**May 9:** "Green Power"      **June 13:** Cool Science: The Chemistry of Ice Cream

### 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. (3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every month)

**SCIENCE TOPICS:**

**May 16:** "Sunlight"      **June 20:** "Motion"

## 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.

**MAY 17, 2009:**

**FORCES OF NATURE**

**JUNE 21, 2009:**

**BUGS!**

### PLANETARIUM SHOWS

*The Sky Tonight* features 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:** **May 6 and June 3**      **TIMES:** 7:00 p.m.

**TOPICS:** **MAY 6:** "Galaxies and Beyond"

**JUNE 3:** "Summer Constellations"

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

# HANDS-ON SCIENCE EXHIBITS & ATTRACTIONS

## TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS



**ENDING SOON: JUNE 7th!**

### "Tinkering"

"Tinkering" features more than 20 hands-on exhibits that bring out your "inner inventor" with pulleys, electrical circuits, turntables, paper airplanes, bicycle wheels, animation systems and much more. *(Bilingual)*

**RUNS: Jun. 21, 2008—Jun. 7, 2009**

**MEDIA RESOURCES:**



### "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.

**ENDS  
SEP 7th!**

**RUNS: Jan. 31—Sep. 7, 2009**

**MEDIA RESOURCES:**



### "Motion Mania: An Exhibition To Move Your Mind"

Discover what makes the world go round with "Motion Mania". Push, pull, lift, stop, go, drop and bounce your way to discovering more about how the world works. More than 20 hands-on exhibits turn physics into fun! Explore the universal laws that apply to everything that moves, from the kind of motion that underlies the solar system (circular motion) to pendulum motion, upward motion illusions and more.

**RUNS: Jun. 20, 2009—Jun. 6, 2010**

**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!