

EXPLOREx

SPRING 2024 ISSUE

EXTREME
Image of the Sun is an
energy and particles called
SOLAR EJECTION

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OLETA EXTREMA es una
energía y de partículas llamada
LA MASA CORONAL

Does the Sun look like up close?
lorescience.org/sun
¿Es el Sol de cerca?



HIGHLIGHTS:

Reflecting on the Fall

Summer Break Camps

New & Upcoming Programs

Call for Volunteers

New Traveling Exhibition

THE DISCOVERY
CENTER OF IDAHO'S
QUARTERLY IMPACT
NEWSLETTER

REFLECTING ON THE FALL

Greetings and Happy Spring!

After a busy and fruitful fall season, we are proud to have unveiled many new community supports, including Sensory Friendly Learning, Spanish translations of all exhibit content, expansion of our free STEAM Lending Kit library, the assembly of a Student Advisory Board and extended business hours for the Downtown Boise Association's First Thursdays. As our team continues to expand our reach, we are thrilled to share more in this newsletter about upcoming spring and summer opportunities for curious learners of all ages!



Thanks to our many sponsors, community partners and visitors for your continued interest and support. We look forward to more growth and engagement in the coming year!

Sincerely,

Eria Seymour

Education Director

OUR FALL '23 IMPACT



1,026



FIELD TRIPS

487



OUTREACH

213



YOUNG
DISCOVERERS

We are proud to have served over 1,700 students, families and non-traditional learners through our subsidized field trips, outreach events and early learning programs including monthly bilingual classes.

SUMMER CAMPS for ages 5-14

CELEBRATE ALL THINGS STEM AT THE DISCOVERY CENTER

Harness your creativity and explore the intersections between STEM and the arts with us this summer! From printmaking, to STEAM and storytelling, to dinosaurs and partner camps galore, we've got something for everyone this summer! Be sure to check out our website to learn more and get registered for an exciting summer break at the Discovery Center of Idaho!

CAMPS FOR AGE 5-7

- Young Discoverers

CAMPS FOR AGE 12-14

- STEAM & Storytelling 201

CAMPS FOR AGE 7-10

- Dinosaur Camp
- Park Explorers
- Wizarding
- STEM Multisport

CAMPS FOR AGE 9-12

- STEAM & Storytelling 101
- Printmaking
- STEM Multisport

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WHAT'S NEW IN EDUCATION?

SPANISH TRANSLATIONS & PEQUES DESCUBRIDORES

We are excited to announce that all of our current exhibition signage, as well as our camps registration and information materials, are now available in Spanish!

We are also able to continue partnering with the Peques Nature Club to host monthly bilingual classes for kids aged 2-5 and their families!



SENSORY FRIENDLY LEARNING

Sensory-Friendly Hours takes place on the second Sunday of each month from 10 AM - 12 PM. Reduced stimuli and additional sensory warning signage make this a space conducive to visitors who might enjoy a less busy experience.

Sensory Guide maps and a virtual walk-through preview of the space are available at our website to help prepare visitors on what to expect. Additionally, Sensory Kits are available to borrow from the front desk at any time!

STUDENT ADVISORY BOARD

In addition to our valued Education Advisory Council, a group of Idaho educators and STEM professionals, we have formed a Student Advisory Board made up of middle and high schoolers. This group meets periodically to provide insight and support in bringing programming opportunities to teens with the goal of continuing their interest in pursuing higher education and careers in STEM and the arts. New members between the age 13-18 of are always welcome. Reach out to education@dcidaho.org for more info!

WHAT'S NEXT FOR EDUCATION?

MIND-BENDERS: TEEN TAKEOVER!

On March 21st, we will be hosting an evening event for high school students. Teams may register for start times between 6:30-8:00 PM and will need to work together to solve puzzle, crack codes and complete challenges as they make their way through the Discovery Center for this escape room-esque event! Registration will open on March 7th at dcdahyo.org.

OUTREACH & STEM RESOURCES

Curious learners don't need to be on-site to reap the benefits of the Discovery Center!

By request, our team is able to attend outreach events on a limited basis.

We have a whole list of STEAM resources available at our website, from [learning guides](#), to [Youtube videos](#), to our [STEAM Kit lending library](#).

DISCOVERY LABS & FIRST THURSDAYS

The Education Team is thrilled to continue providing additional on-site learning opportunities.

[Discovery Labs](#), which feature hands-on facilitated STEAM activities, will take place in one of our classrooms on Thursdays from 2-4 PM through the end of May. This program is free with admission, and visitors of all ages are welcome to pop in during these afternoons for different themes each week!

The Discovery Center will remain open late on the first Thursday of each month as a part of the [Downtown Boise Association's First Thursday!](#)





CONNECTING WITH COMMUNITY

Boise State University Digital Arts students used the first semester of this school year to learn more about exhibition development. Through interviews, research, pitching, prototyping and presenting, these students were able to develop group projects and share them with staff. The semester concluded with four amazing collaborative projects intended to increase engagement and tactile learning.

The Volunteer Program is active with an average of 35-40 volunteers year-round and about 20-30 seasonal volunteers coming through. We also have worked with various groups for teamwork activities. Our volunteer program has about a 47% multilingual population with new outreach opportunities in the community everyday.



Interest in joining our team of volunteers?

We have many different types of opportunities within the program!

- Field Trip Support
- Young Discoverers
- Outreach Events
- + MORE!

[Learn more and apply today!](#)





MUMMIES

OF THE WORLD

THE EXHIBITION

OPENING APRIL 27TH

"MUMMIES OF THE WORLD: THE EXHIBITION" **OPENING AT THE DISCOVERY CENTER THIS APRIL**

Real Mummies. Real Science. Real People.

The Discovery Center of Idaho is thrilled to announce the arrival of a world-class traveling exhibition, *Mummies of the World: The Exhibition*, opening on Saturday, April 27th, 2024. Featuring one of the largest collections of real mummies and related artifacts ever assembled, *Mummies of the World* presents a one-of-a-kind collection of naturally and intentionally preserved human and animal mummies. This compelling exhibition, presented with reverence and dignity, includes ancient mummies from South America, Europe and ancient Egypt, dating as far back as 4,500 years, and this Spring, we're bringing it to Boise, Idaho.

Mummies of the World: The Exhibition opens on April 27th, 2024 at the Discovery Center of Idaho and will run until Fall 2024.

Please note: This exhibition is recommended for visitors ages 8+. Review the [official press release](#) and check out our [website](#) for more information and to book tickets in advance of your visit!

Access this exhibition's [Educator Resource Guide](#) [here!](#)

Visitors will embark on a journey into the extraordinary world of mummies and the mummification process. Through modern science, engaging interactives and multimedia exhibits, this exhibition reveals how the scientific study of mummies provides a window into the lives of ancient people from every region of the world, offering unprecedented insights into past cultures and civilizations. [Learn more.](#)

Mummies of the World will captivate visitors in two of our four galleries, while our remaining galleries continue to buzz with our highly popular hands-on exhibits, featuring all-time favorites like BRICKS!, Classics Collection, TINKER THE T-REX, Young Learners and more! Prepare to step into a world where STEM and the arts seamlessly intertwine at the Discovery Center of Idaho.



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