



New York Hall of Science Fact Sheet

Built initially as a pavilion for the 1964 World’s Fair, the New York Hall of Science (NYSCI) is now New York City’s hands-on science and technology center. Since 1986, NYSCI has served more than six million children, parents and teachers.

The mission of NYSCI is “to convey the excitement and understanding of science and technology to children, families, teachers and others by galvanizing their curiosity and offering them creative, participatory ways to learn.”

Exhibitions

NYSCI features the largest collection of hands-on science exhibits in New York City. Visitors of all ages can explore over 450 interactive exhibits. Permanent exhibitions include:

- * **Connected Worlds** – Presented in the iconic Great Hall, this groundbreaking exhibition immerses visitors in a fantastical animated world where their gestures and movements impact how well the world is kept in balance.
- * **Design Lab** – Consisting of five distinct activity areas, *Design Lab* encourages visitors to be inventive and resourceful in finding solutions to basic engineering and design challenges.
- * **Hidden Kingdoms: The World of Microbes** – This exhibition focuses on microorganisms, the smallest creatures on earth, and how they affect our health and our environment.
- * **Mathematica: A World of Numbers** – The first interactive exhibition devoted to math. Crafted by Charles and Ray Eames, it engages visitors to explore topology, symmetry, and geometry.
- * **Preschool Place** – A space for the youngest visitors (ages 6 and younger) to explore, discover and build.
- * **Rocket Park Mini Golf** – With NYSCI’s iconic rockets as a backdrop, this outdoor nine-hole miniature golf course explores the science behind space travel.
- * **Science Playground** - The largest science playground in the Western Hemisphere fosters science learning through personal discovery and participation.
- **Seeing the Light** – With over 80 exhibits, visitors can journey into the world of color, light, optical illusions and perception.
- * **The Search for Life Beyond Earth** – This exhibition compares environments on Earth, Mars and Europa, and highlights some of the organisms that live in extreme environments.



- * **The Sports Challenge** – Visitors can test their skills at baseball, surfing, tennis, drag-racing and rock climbing, while learning the science behind sports.

Education, Public Programs and Digital Tools

- * **The Alan J. Friedman Center for the Development of Young Scientists** – This youth development center encompasses a range of programs that provides opportunities for high school and college students to develop their interests in science. Programs include STEM Career Nights, Explainer TV and the Science Career Ladder, the Center’s flagship program that recruits, trains and employs local high school and college students as exhibit floor “Explainers.”
- * **Public Programs** – Includes lectures, performances, films, workshops, programs for preschoolers, off-site events, and various interactive programming for families.
- * **School Programs** – Learners of all ages can explore science both in-school and out-of-school through field trips, workshops, virtual visits and outreaches.
- * **Noticing Tools™** – A suite of five free iPad apps that motivate students to learn fundamental math and science concepts using everyday explorations in the classroom, at home, on the playground, or just about anywhere else.

Location

NYSCI is located in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens. It is accessible by car via the Long Island Expressway to the 108th Street exit, or the Grand Central Parkway driving east to the Midtown Tunnel exit. There is ample parking. NYSCI is reached by subway via the #7 to the 111th Street station.

Operating Hours

Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 5 pm; weekends, 10 am – 6 pm.
Closed Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Admission Costs

Adults (18+): \$16; Students (college w/ID), Children (2-17), and Senior Citizens (62+) \$13.
Free hours: Friday 2 – 5 pm and Sunday 10 am – 11 am.

Media Contact:

Mary Record

New York Hall of Science

718-595-9123

mrecord@nysci.org

