

Port Discover



Northeastern North Carolina's
Center for Hands-on Science

Autumn at Port Discover

Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Getting Off The Ground Exhibit Opening

Saturday, October 8

Take flight with Port Discover's new aviation exhibit featuring a state-of-the-art flight simulator and kid-sized control tower. Made possible thanks to a grant from the Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation. **Port Discover will be closed from October 3-7 to prepare for the opening.**

Second Saturday Science

Second Saturday Science is free. Reservations are required.

Saturday, September 10, 11 a.m.

How Are Roads Built?

Randy Midgett, engineer with North Carolina Department of Transportation, presents a children's program on the science of road building and leads an up-close look at Elizabeth City's downtown roadwork.

Saturday, November 12, 11 a.m.

The Plain Truth about Planes

Explore the world of aviation with Elton Stone, Director of Aviation Maintenance Technology at The College of the Albemarle. Learn all about the variety of flight components that you need to do to become an aviation scientist or pilot. Getting Off the Ground programs are made possible by Piedmont Natural Gas Foundation.

Toddler Time

A science program just for preschoolers, ages 3 – 5. \$5 per family and reservations are required. Parents or guardians must accompany the child.

Thursday, September 15, 10 a.m.

Nature IDs

Create a science nature journal for recording, observing, and identifying the natural world around us. Take a walk outside of Port Discover to see what we can find!

Thursday, October 20, 10 a.m.

Gummy Worm Dissection

Discover all there is to know about slimy worms by taking scientific measurements and observations. Children will observe live worms, model play dough and dissect gummy worms.

Thursday, November 17, 10:00 a.m.

Up, Up and Away

Explore the magic of flight through a variety of hands-on activities. Children will enjoy the new Getting Off the Ground aviation exhibit.

Afterschool Science

Drop into Port Discover for some afterschool science! Every fourth Thursday, Port Discover will host a fun science adventure—featuring a different theme each month. The program is free and made possible thanks to the City of Elizabeth City,

September 22, 3:00 p.m.

Chemistry 101

Dr. Tesfaye Serbessa, Associate Professor of Chemistry at Elizabeth City State University, and his students will assist children in exploring basic concepts of chemistry by conducting fun-filled chemistry experiments. Join us and make your own cold/hot pack, baking soda volcano, color splash, or dry ice bubbles.

October 27, 3:00 p.m.

Science of Food

Join Port Discover for an afternoon of food science experimentation. Sara Foreman with Albemarle Regional Health Services will be lead children in science experiments that can be conducted in the kitchen.

November 17, 3:00 p.m.

Aviation Exploration

Explore the science of aviation through fun interactive air stations. Pilots and experts in aviation sciences will be at Port Discover for an afternoon of flying fun! Program made possible thanks to Getting Off the Ground funded by Piedmont Natural Gas.

Project Grow First Saturdays

September 3, October 1, November 5. All Day!

Stop by Port Discover for your own planting experience in our new "Kids Grow" community garden. BYOB- Bring You Own (recycled plastic) Bottle with cap for a planter or build one with us. Made possible thanks to Project Grow and a grant from AgCarolina Financial.

First Friday Kids Night-In

September 2, October 7, November 4. 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.

Port Discover offers Kids Night-In during the First Friday Art Walk. Parents can leave their children at Port Discover for some kid-friendly science programming while they enjoy an evening of downtown art-walking. Children must be age 4 to participate. Space is very limited and reservations are encouraged. Cost is \$5 per child.

Experimentation Station:

Try your hand at being a real scientist at our Experimentation Station. Lab-based inquiry experiment designed to reinforce the scientific method.

Special Events:

September 24 – 30 • Take a Child Outside Week

Stop in Port Discover for some great ideas on how to engage kids with the outdoors. Free.

October 22

Albemarle Health Family Health Day, 9 a.m. – 12 noon

Southgate Mall

Visit the Port Discover booth for fun hands-on science!

Port Discover

611 E. Main Street, Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Hours: Tuesday – Friday, 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Saturdays, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Programs can be arranged at other times for special groups.

Free admission. Donations encouraged.

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