

Port Discover



Northeastern North Carolina's
Center for Hands-on Science

Winter at Port Discover

Elizabeth City, North Carolina

Science Fair Help Sessions

Science Fair help sessions are available for students by appointment only. Please come with approved topics and teacher guidelines.

Thursday, December 8 & 15, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, December 10 & 17, 12 noon – 4 p.m.

Thursday, January 5 & 12, 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Saturday, January 7 & 14, 12 noon – 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 18, 9 a.m.

Weekend Lab Experience

Dr. Margaret Young, associate professor of biology at Elizabeth City State University, will lead children, 9 to 12-year-olds, through "Cloning a Potato." Each student will make a culture of a potato under sterile conditions at the ECSU labs, and using appropriate scientific techniques, will create the environment necessary for plant growth. The students will exhibit their produce during the 2012 North Carolina Potato Festival in May. Cost for the Weekend Lab Experience is \$10 and includes all materials. Limited spaces. Reservations required.

Second Saturday Science

Second Saturday Science is free. Reservations are required.

Saturday, December 10, 11 a.m.

Wreck With A Tech

Visit Port Discover for a close-up look inside computers. John Nixon, owner of Nixon's Solutions, will dissect a computer for a hands-on exploration of computer parts and kid-friendly exploration about how all the parts work together.

Saturday, January 14, 11 a.m.

Baking 101

Heather Fletcher, owner of The Cupcakery, will share her baking tips and the science behind baking. You don't want to miss out on this edible, mouth-watering science lesson.

Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.

Science of Sound

Boom! Gong! Ting! What makes sounds different? Through a series of hands-on programs, Dr. Chris Palestrant, Professor of Music at Elizabeth City State University, will guide children through the science of sound.

First Friday Kids Night-In

December 2, January 6, February 3. 5:30 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. Space is very limited and reservations are encouraged. Cost is \$5 per child.

Toddler Time

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

Thursday, December 15, 10 a.m.

Mix It Up

Discover liquids, solids, gases, solutions and mixtures. The children will make a salt bath solution to take home while we review the five senses.

Thursday, January 19, 10 a.m.

Let It Snow!

People of all ages love snowflakes! Join us for a morning of exploring the science of snow. Children will make their own "snow" to take home!

Thursday, February 16, 10:00 a.m.

Hue Knew?

Children are fascinated with the world of colors. Come explore the primary colors and make secondary colors with super absorbent crystals.

Afterschool Science

Every fourth Thursday, Port Discover hosts a fun science adventure—featuring a different theme each month. The program is free and made possible thanks to the City of Elizabeth City,

December 15, 3:00 p.m.

Science Fair Help Session

Science Fair help sessions are available for afterschool groups by appointment from 3:00-5:00.

January 26, 3:00 p.m.

Critter Sign Identification

Who's out there? Signa Williams, park ranger with the Dismal Swamp State Park, will demonstrate how to identify the signs of local critters found here in Eastern North Carolina.

February 23, 3:00 p.m.

Water Works

Let's explore the H₂O Cycle! Port Discover educators will make models that demonstrate several types of the water cycles. Learn how this important cycle makes a difference in our daily lives.

Experimentation Station:

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

Project Grow First Saturdays

December 3, January 7, February 4: All Day!

Stop by Port Discover for your own planting experience.

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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