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Last Chance to Bug You

Only a few days left to catch the buzz of **Harry's Big Adventure: My Bug World**. The live bug bonanza closes on April 29th.

Featuring thousands of live insects ranging from ants and crickets to big beetles, millipedes and scorpions, the exhibit has been a huge hit with amateur entomologists of all ages. Don't miss your chance to take part in the cricket spitting contest, eat insect delicacies prepared by the bug chef, and root for your favorite contestant in the roach races.

Harry and all his buggy friends are packing up and leaving town after April 29th so hurry down. **Harry's Big Adventure: My Bug World** is included with basic admission and is free for members.



RC Car and Copters Day

Start your engines and come to the Maryland Science Center for a day of radio controlled car racing and flight demonstrations. **RC Car and 'Copters Day** is Saturday, May 5th from Noon until 4pm.

Keep your head up when you enter the building as RC planes and helicopters fly over and around you during your visit. See the engine of an RC car, learn how it works and even drive one yourself. RC experts from *HobbyTown USA* will be onsite leading the flight demonstrations and putting you in control of the cars. (con't p. 2)

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Mixology 101 Returns

The Maryland Science Center's popular science of adult beverages series focuses on craft cocktails in May with a presentation in Mixology by John Reusing, Owner/Operator of *Bad Decisions* in Fells Point. **Mixology 101—The ABC's: Alcohol, Bacon, Cocktails** is set for Thursday, May 31st from 7:00 to 9:00pm.

The event will feature a discussion of the methods and strategies for making balanced cocktails using nontraditional ingredients—in this case, bacon. **Mixology 101** also includes demonstrations showing amateur mixologists how to craft the perfect cocktail. Participants will be guided through different hands-on stations to craft their own libations. **Mixology 101** events are designed to be fun, informative evenings that appeal to amateurs and aficionados alike. Tickets are required for this event and are \$45 per person, \$40 for members. Please call 410-545-5980 to reserve yours today, 21+ only.



RC Cars and Copters Day

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Flight demos will be continuous through the Harbor Lobby with obstacle courses and other challenges that will test the pilots. RC cars will be on display where you can see the engine of a car and learn how it operates. Guests can operate the cars with help from the experts. Weather permitting, there will be demos of gas powered cars outside.

RC Car and 'Copter Day is free with paid admission to the Science Center and completely free for Members.



Three Ring Circus of Math

We can say with mathematical certitude that the next touring exhibition coming to the Maryland Science Center is called **Math Midway**.

Math Midway is made up of several brightly-colored tents, each featuring a math-based game, skill test or craft. A tricycle with square wheels, adjustable fun-house mirrors and a ring of "fire" (that's actually lasers) are among the exhibit highlights. A monkey on a tightrope teaches number groups, while an organ grinder demonstrates functional math through music – just a few examples of the games **Math Midway** has to offer. Every activity is designed to teach and demonstrate basic math skills such as geometry, probabilities and number systems.

Math Midway is the first exhibition of the Museum of Mathematics. The mission of the museum is to enhance public understanding and perception of mathematics. Admission to **Math Midway** is included with basic admission to the Science Center and is completely free for Members.



Even More Irresponsible Science

It's back for another summer with bigger bangs, splashier splats, and crazier contraptions. It's the **Summer of Even More Irresponsible Science** and the fun kicks off Memorial Day Weekend.

All summer long at the Maryland Science Center visitors join staff to drop things off the roof onto the plaza, blow up trash cans filled with ping pong balls, fling rubber chickens across the lobby with our giant catapult, build massive structures out of everyday objects, and take part in a completely chaotic science extravaganza.

Each day the Science Center is transformed into a living, breathing, experiment in extreme science. See huge balloons filled with explosive gases blow up in a fiery bang. Take part in hands-on workshops and experiments that push the limits of conventional science. We're even taking the science outside with bicycle pump powered rockets, solar powered balloons, lighting things on fire with magnifiers, and of course, dropping watermelons and other things off the roof. It's everything you've always wanted to do but couldn't.



The **Summer of Even More Irresponsible Science** takes place every day and is free with basic admission. Come be a part of the frenzied fun.

Celebrate Solstice and Help School Kids Get Science

The Maryland Science Center's annual fundraiser, **Solstice**, is set for June 23rd from 8pm until Midnight. Always a hit with partygoers, the event is the Science Center's single biggest fundraiser and all proceeds help underwrite the Science Center's longstanding policy of admitting Maryland school children free of charge when attending on a field trip.

This year's **Solstice** takes place throughout the exhibit halls and open spaces in the building and features a moveable feast throughout the building along with signature cocktails and icy libations. Cocktail attire is preferred.

Capitol Records recording artists *Eli 'Paperboy Reed'* and *The True Loves* bring their neo-soul sound to the atrium stage as the headline act for the evening. The main lobby, with its soaring glass atrium and view of the nighttime skyline and waterfront will be transformed into a club atmosphere with dancing encouraged.

All inclusive tickets (food, drink, valet parking) are \$125 per person, \$105 per member and can be purchased online at www.marylandsciencecenter.org or by phone at 410-545-5894.



College Savings Plans of Maryland Day at MSC



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College Savings Plans of Maryland, the independent Maryland State agency that offers two tax-advantaged 529 plans – the Maryland Pre-paid College Trust and the Maryland College Investment Plan – will be hosting College Savings Plans of Maryland Day at the Maryland Science Center on Saturday, May 12. As part of the day's celebration, College Savings Plans of Maryland and the Maryland Science Center will be offering **free admission for the first 200 elementary school students** – 5th grade and younger – to visit the museum. Admission for children ages 3 and under is always free at the Maryland Science Center. Students must visit the College Savings Plans of Maryland table located near the entrance of the Maryland Science Center to obtain their free tickets. Tickets are available on a first-come first-served basis while supplies last.

In addition to the free admission price for elementary school students, information about College Savings Plans of Maryland will be available throughout the museum, and a representative will be on hand to answer any questions or give a brief overview of the plans. The May 12 event is an early celebration for National 5/29 College Savings Day (May 29), an annual celebration to raise awareness about the importance of saving for college and encourage families to consider investing in 529 plans to reduce their child's future reliance on student loans.