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NEW YORK HALL OF SCIENCE FACT SHEET

Built initially as a pavilion for the 1964 World's Fair, the New York Hall of Science is now New York City's hands-on science and technology center. Since 1986, the Hall has served more than 5 million children, parents, and teachers.

The mission of the Hall 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

The Hall features the largest collection of hands-on science exhibits in New York City. Visitors of all ages can explore over 400 interactive exhibits. Permanent exhibitions include:

- * **Connections: The Nature of Networks** – This state-of-the-art exhibition allows you to explore the science of networks, such as the World Wide Web and spider webs.
- * **Hidden Kingdoms: The World of Microbes** – focuses on microorganisms, the smallest creatures on earth, and how they affect our health and our environment.
- * **Marvelous Molecules – The Secret of Life** – explores the shared chemistry of all living things using more than two dozen hands-on exhibits.
- * **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.
- * **Pfizer Foundation Biochemistry Discovery Lab** – This 1,000-square-foot space is the nation's first hands-on workshop for exploring the molecular basis of biology.
- * **Realm of the Atom** – Discover what makes matter matter. Examine the world's first 3-D dynamic model of an atom magnified one billion times.
- * **Rocket Park** – This outdoor park features newly-refurbished iconic rockets, surrounded by new interpretive panels and a climb-in replica of the original Mercury capsule.
- * **Science Playground** - The largest science playground in the Western Hemisphere fosters science learning through personal discovery and participation.
- * **Seeing the Light** – Journey into the world of color, light and perception with over 80 exhibits. Discover how the eye works, explore optical illusions, and more!
- * **The Search for Life Beyond Earth** – compares environments on Earth, Mars and Europa, and demonstrates 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 and Public Programs**
- * **Science Career Ladder** – The Hall recruits, trains, and employs 200 local high school and college students as exhibit floor “Explainers,” “Public Program Assistants” and volunteers each year in preparation for teaching and science careers.
- * **After-School and Weekend Science Clubs** – The programs annually offer more than 300 local elementary and middle school students a safe, supervised environment to pursue science-based activities.
- * **Public Programs** – Includes lectures, performances, films, workshops, programs for preschoolers, off-site science fieldtrips, and various interactive programming for families.
- * **Science Technology Library** – The Hall’s multimedia library provides visitors with a large collection of books, videos, periodicals and tabletop activities.
- * **Harcourt Teacher Leadership Center** – Provides over 2,900 teachers each year with a range of training, materials and state-of-the-art equipment rentals for in-class use to improve science teaching for more than 200,000 metropolitan area students.
- * **Scholastic’s The Magic School Bus Activity Area** – Younger visitors enjoy “Make-it and Take-it” activities and interactive displays from Scholastic’s popular *Magic School Bus* book and TV series.
- * **On-Site Science Workshops** – Classes can participate in any of 25 different workshops that are available to students in grades K-12 and coordinated with school curricula.
- * **Outreach Lesson Modeling** – The Hall’s Science Instructors conduct programs for pre-K through 12th grade classes in schools throughout the metropolitan area.

Location

The Hall is centrally located in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens. It is easily 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. The Hall is reached by subway via the #7 to the 111th Street station.

Operating Hours

(September - May) Tuesday - Thursday, 9:30 am - 2 pm; Friday, 9:30 am - 5 pm; weekends, 10 am - 5 pm, closed Monday except holidays.

(June) Monday – Thursday, 9:30 am – 2 pm; Friday, 9:30 am – 5 pm; weekends, 10 am – 6 pm.

(July – August) Monday – Friday, 9:30 am – 5 pm; weekends, 10 am – 6 pm.

Closed Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year’s Day.

Admission Costs

Adults (18+): \$11; Students (5-17, college w/ID), Children (2-17), and Seniors (62+) \$8; Free hours: Friday 2 - 5 pm and Sunday 10 am - 11 am (September 1 - June 30).

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