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**CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER TEAMS UP WITH THE CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE FOR  
VIRTUAL STEM ACTIVITY**

***ELEMENTARY-LEVEL STUDENTS TO RECEIVE A SENSORY-FRIENDLY ENGINEERING LESSON***

**PITTSBURGH, April 22, 2021** — [Carnegie Science Center](#) and [The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh](#) are partnering together on Tues., April 27 for a free, virtual learning opportunity focused on STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) learning.

The 45-minute sensory-friendly [STEM-by-the-Hour](#) live program focuses on engineering, forces, experimentation, and forces and interaction. Students and patients from The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh will tune in virtually to create sculptures, build arches, and assemble other unique constructions with Carnegie Science Center educators. The lesson is geared for Grades K-5-level students. To complement what the children are learning on a screen, Science Center team members are creating at-home kits to offer an interactive component to the engineering lesson.

"Many families have been at a loss for activities with their children during the pandemic," said Angela Nofi, M.Ed., BCBA, LBS, director of autism services at The Children's Institute, which provides educational, behavioral health, and physical health services for students with autism, multiple disabilities, and emotional support needs. "Partnering with the team at the Carnegie Science Center, we're able to create an opportunity that's fun and educational, and also make it inclusive for children with autism and other unique needs who have sensory sensitivities that might limit opportunities to be involved in community events. We want to create an amazing space – even virtually – where children are welcome and included."

"We are so pleased to partner with The Children's Institute to bring these virtual lessons to students who might not feel comfortable traveling to the Science Center at this time," said Jason Brown, Henry Buhl, Jr., Director of Carnegie Science Center. "By offering this virtual program and focusing on our sensory-sensitive initiatives, we strive to foster a safe, welcoming, and fun environment for all our visitors and students."

Partnering with organizations like The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh is one way the Science Center can delight, educate, and inspire through interactive experiences in science and technology.

Carnegie Science Center’s sensory-sensitive initiatives and programming is generously supported by the Jack Buncher Foundation.

For more information on sensory sensitive programs and initiatives at Carnegie Science Center, visit [CarnegieScienceCenter.org](http://CarnegieScienceCenter.org) or call 412.237.3400.

### **About Carnegie Science Center**

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center’s goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh’s premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

### **Accessibility: Features for All**

Carnegie Science Center welcomes all visitors. We work to assist visitors with disabilities in obtaining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities. We welcome visitors in wheelchairs on the deck of our USS Requin (SS 481) submarine. Below-deck visits require full mobility. Hearing assistance devices are available for The Rangos Giant Cinema. Please ask when you buy your ticket.

Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or [info@carnegiesciencecenter.org](mailto:info@carnegiesciencecenter.org). Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh’s Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email [accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org](mailto:accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org).

### **About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh**

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, [Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh](http://Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh) is a family of four dynamic, distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. The museums reach 1.5 million people a year through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

### **About The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh**

Established in 1902, The Children’s Institute of Pittsburgh is an independent and licensed nonprofit organization whose mission is: To Heal. To Teach. To Empower. To Amaze. The passionate team at The Children’s Institute is dedicated to the amazing kids and families they serve, helping children to reach their full potential through educational services, outpatient physical and behavioral health services, and child and family services. The Children’s Institute serves more than 6,000 children each year at seven campuses across Western Pa. Visit [www.amazingkids.org](http://www.amazingkids.org) or call 412.420.2400 to learn more.

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