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**CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER OFFERS SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR PEOPLE WITH  
SENSORY SENSITIVITIES**

***MODIFIED LIGHTS, SOUNDS ADJUSTED, AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMING ANNOUNCED***

**PITTSBURGH, June 21, 2021** – Carnegie Science Center is offering visitors on the autism spectrum or affected by sensory sensitivities a chance to explore four floors of modified exhibits during special [Sensory Sensitive Science Hours](#) and the opportunity to create 3D projects to take home at [Sensory Sensitive Fab Lab: Maker Workshops](#).

During **Sensory Sensitive Science Hours** on Sun., June 27 and Sun., Aug. 15 from 9 am–noon, lights and sound effects at the Science Center’s most interactive exhibits are adjusted to create a safe, welcoming, and fun environment for all visitors.

In collaboration with Jumping Jack Theater, children (grades K-5) and their families with sensory sensitivities are invited to *Starshine!* – a unique, immersive experience where children can create their own constellation, learn how to dust a star, dance with asteroids, and hear the soothing sounds of space. *Starshine!* takes place in the Science Center’s outdoor parking lot and within Jumping Jack Theater’s new mobile storytelling experience (weather permitting). The experience is available to visitors at 9 am, 10 am, 11 am, and noon on each of the Sensory Sensitive Science Hours days. Seating is limited to one group with a maximum of three people per performance, and each group must include at least one caregiver.

**Pre-registration is required by calling 412.237.3400 or via email at [CustomerService@CarnegieScienceCenter.org](mailto:CustomerService@CarnegieScienceCenter.org).**

Sensory Sensitive Science Hours and related programming is included with a Science Center General Admission ticket. [Online](#) timed ticket purchasing is strongly encouraged for all visitors – including Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh Members.

**Sensory Sensitive Fab Lab: Maker Workshop** invites makers on the autism spectrum or with sensory sensitivities to work with cutting-edge technology in an environment with sensory-friendly tools and resources. The three-day workshop is available on June 28–30 and Aug. 16–18, and workshop participants will create projects with a 3D printer and laser cutter to take home. Spots are limited, and participants are encouraged to register [online](#) or by calling 412.237.3400.

Learn more about the Science Center's current [Visitor Safety Guidelines](#).

*Sensory Sensitive Science Hours are made possible with support from the Jack Buncher Foundation and Summer Camps are presented by Isaly's.*

### **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](#) 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.

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