

Family: Learn about space at Easton's Nurture Nature Center

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Learn about NASA's space missions exploring planetary neighbors in 'We Live in Outer Space' show Saturday at the Nurture Nature Center in Easton.

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Kids can find out more about our neighbors in the galaxy at the new Science on a Sphere show at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Nurture Nature Center in Easton. "We Live in Outer Space" features the planets and moons in our solar system on the center's 6-foot suspended animated globe. Learn about NASA's current

space missions exploring Earth's planetary neighbors and about the star that makes life on earth possible.

The Science on a Sphere program is the centerpiece of Nurture Nature Center. It is one of a hundred in the world. The sphere displays high-resolution video about scientific topics and has been described as a reverse planetarium that creates a 360-degree image of natural phenomena like earthquakes, solar flares and the Gulf Stream. Every Saturday, the community can see a demonstration on the globe.

The science education center opened in 2011 to examine the environmental reasons behind flooding after Easton suffered its third major flood in a 22-month period.

One of the newest attractions is the Interactive Watershed, an exhibit that features an augmented reality sandbox allowing visitors to build their own mountains and valleys in sand and then make it rain to see where the water travels.

The center is on the second and third floors of 518 Northampton St. It is open 6-9 p.m. Thursdays and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays. Suggested donation is \$5. Info: 610-253-4432, www.nurturenaturecenter.org.

Peanuts-themed holiday ice show

Join Charlie Brown and the Peanuts gang when the Lehigh Valley Charter High School for the Arts figure skating department presents "Charles Brown: Home for the Holidays" at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Steel Ice Center in Bethlehem.

Kids under age 18 go free to this show that features a grown-up Charles Brown, who is living in New York City but longs for a hometown holiday. The show features more than a dozen Charter Arts figure skating students, including Andrew Hample as Charles Brown and Sarina Stevralia as Lucille van Pelt.

Tickets are \$12 for adults. To reserve children's tickets, see CharterArts.org.

'Polar Express' at Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room

Climb aboard the "Polar Express" at the Cops 'n' Kids Reading Room in Easton 10 a.m.-noon Saturday.

Ring in the holiday with a reading of the classic story by Chris Van Allsburg about a boy who rediscovers his belief in Santa Claus on a magical train ride. After the story, there will be crafts and activities. The event is free. The reading room is at Easton Area Community Center, 901 Washington St.

The reading room provides a welcoming place for children and families to read together and select up to three free books to take home on every visit.

It is open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursdays and offers free programs on the first and third Saturdays of the month that include storytelling and visits by authors.

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