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

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

**PITTSBURGH, Feb. 5, 2020** — Carnegie Science Center invites visitors who are on the autism spectrum or affected by sensory sensitivities to explore Pittsburgh's most-visited museum for special [Sensory Sensitive Science Hours](#) and [Sensory Sensitive Science Camps](#).

During **Sensory Sensitive Science Hours** on select Sundays from **9 am–noon**, exhibit lights and sound effects will be adjusted, and special activities will be added to foster a safe, welcoming, and most of all, fun environment for all visitors. A special area is also available for guests who need quite time.

***Upcoming dates include:***

Sun., Feb. 9

Sun., May 17

Sun., Aug. 2

Sun., Nov. 8

For children with sensory sensitivities who may not have had the opportunity in the past to participate in Summer Camps, check out **Sensory Sensitive Science Camps** – camps adapted specifically for children with sensory processing disorders and/or on the autism spectrum. Adaptations include a lower camp-to-staff ratio; reduction of loud sounds and bright lights; modified classroom furniture with flexible seating and a quiet space; availability of sensory tools such as noise-canceling headphones, fidgets, and weighted objects; and streamlined check-in and check-out procedures. Camp themes include:

***[For ages 6–7:](#)***

**Brick Engineers:** June 29–July 3

**Planes, Trains, and Automobiles:** July 20–24

[For ages 8–9:](#)

**Voyage to the Red Planet:** July 27–31

[For ages 10–11:](#)

**Video Game Design**

[For ages 12–14:](#)

**Robot Engineers**

[Three-Day Workshops in BNY Mellon Fab Lab Carnegie Science Center:](#)

Ages 8–10: **Maker Workshop** (June 29–July 1)

Ages 11–13: **Maker Workshop** (Aug. 17–19)

For more information and to register, visit [CarnegieScienceCenter.org](http://CarnegieScienceCenter.org) or call 412.237.3400.

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#### **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**

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2017, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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