Little STEAMers Preschool 2022- Fall Semester Fridays
South Dakota Discovery Center
805 W Sioux Ave
Pierre, SD 57501
08:30 AM - 11:00 AM CST

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The Fall Semester starts September 9, 2022 and runs through December 16, 2022, with no class on October 7th or November 25th, for a total of 13 weeks. This class will meet Friday mornings from 8:30 - 11:00 am at the South Dakota Discovery Center in our classroom.

Children must be 3 years old to attend. The classes are of mixed ages (3-5) which allows children to learn from one another.

The cost for the fall semester is $225 for members and $280 for non-members.

South Dakota Master Naturalist Application Open
12:00 AM - 11:45 PM CST

Attention SD outdoor enthusiasts and nature lovers! The South Dakota Master Naturalist program is accepting applications for the 2023 class. Master Naturalists are volunteers who provide education, outreach and service for the well being of the natural world and to connect people with nature!

Applications open December 1 and close Jan 31. Notification of acceptance will occur in mid February. Weekly class via Zoom starts March 7, 2023. Two in person field trips are required. Fee: $75 payable upon acceptance. To learn more and apply, go to: www.sdmasternaturalist.org.

This opportunity is available to any South Dakota resident age 18 or older. The South Dakota Master Naturalist program is a partnership between Black Hills Parks & Forests Association, Dakota Wesleyan University, The South Dakota Discovery Center, South Dakota Game, Fish and Parks, & South Dakota State University Extension.
December 16, 2022

Discovery on Tap - Creatures from the Badlands
St. Charles Lounge
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05:30 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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Creatures from the Badlands Featured at Dec. 16 Discovery On Tap!

Pierre, S.D—The South Dakota Discovery Center (SDDC) is wrapping up its 2022 Discovery On Tap! season with Ed Welsh of Badland National Park. On December 16, from 5:30-7:30pm, Welsh will transport participants from the St. Charles Lounge, 207 E Capitol Avenue, to the Badlands and back in time to look at prehistoric South Dakota.

A paleontologist by trade, Welsh has devoted himself to learning about one of the most geologically rich places on Earth. “There really isn’t another place like the Badlands,” says Welsh. “It has provided major contributions into the history of the science of paleontology and understanding life during the middle of the Age of Mammals.”

His presentation, “The Badlands and Prehistoric South Dakota,” looks at the Badlands and its place in the geologic and natural history of our planet. And, while most people think of dinosaurs when we think about our planet’s beginnings, what this region really gives us is insight into life after those iconic creatures as it builds on our understanding of what led to our modern environment and ecosystems.

After his talk, Welsh will take attendees on a brief walk into deep geologic time, looking at the short history of life on Earth using a portable geologic time scale. With every inch representing one million years of time, we gain a true perspective of the progression of life on Earth, our place in it, and where we might go from here.

Discovery On Tap! is an outreach and development project of the SDDC that works to build upon its professional development and citizen science programs. Through Discovery On Tap!, we make hands-on STEM opportunities available to those who might only have a couple hours every month to consider the world around them or to think about how different aspects of STEM impact their lives. So, we invite anyone 21 and older to grab a drink and get curious with us. You will definitely have fun and maybe learn something new about prehistoric South Dakota!

The SDDC is dedicated to empowering all Peoples of the Great Plains through hands-on experiences that inspire scientific thinking. Follow the SDDC on Facebook for day-to-day updates and highlights, and learn more about its mission, programs for all ages, professional development courses, and popular exhibit hall by visiting sd-discovery.org. Share your Discovery On Tap! experience on social media with the hashtag #discoveryontap
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Exhibit Hall Closed for Christmas Eve
December 24, 2022
10:00 AM - 05:00 PM CST
Happy Holidays!

Exhibit Hall Closed for Christmas Day
December 25, 2022
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST
Happy Holidays!

Exhibit Hall Closed for New Years Day
January 1, 2023
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST
Happy New Year!
January 3, 2023

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January 7, 2023

**Itty Bitty Einsteins: Living on the Ice**
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Pierre, SD 57501
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST
Jan Martin, (605) 224-8295
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*How do animals living in the Arctic and Antarctic survive the cold? Penguins, polar bears, seals, and whales all have different ways of surviving in a cold environment. What would it take for you to survive?*
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The Spring Semester starts on January 14, 2022 and runs through May 13, 2021, skipping February 18 and April 15, for a total of 16 classes. This class will meet Friday morning from 8:30 - 11:00 am at the Discovery Center in our newly updated classroom. Children must be 3 years old to attend. The classes are of mixed ages (3-5) which allows children to learn from one another.

The cost for the fall semester is $230 for members and $285 for non-members.

Starry Saturdays
South Dakota Discovery Center
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11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
Kris Heinen, (605) 224-8295
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January 25, 2023  
**Robotics Day**  
South Dakota Discovery Center  
805 W Sioux Ave  
Pierre, SD 57501  
01:00 PM - 04:00 PM CST  
Amanda Thronson, (605) 224-8295  
amandathronson@sd-discovery.org  
*Introduce robotics to students through hands-on robotics activities. Speak to robotic experts and learn how they use robotics in their lives. Come and have fun while you play and learn! The Girls Scouts, Civil Air Patrol, and our local Lego team will all be there! Come join us!*
February 7, 2023

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February 11, 2023

**Itty Bitty Einsteins: Let It Snow!**
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Pierre, SD 57501
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST
Jan Martin, (605) 224-8295
janmartin@sd-discovery.org

*What is snow? Can we make snow and have an inside snowball fight? If the weather cooperates, come prepared to be outside to build a snow fort or other structures!*
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**March 4, 2023**

**Itty Bitty Einsteins: Red, White, and Black All Over**
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*Can you make a rainbow? Why is the sky blue? Lights, mirrors, paint, and other fun materials will be used to combine and separate colors. We might get a bit messy!*
March 7, 2023

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April 1, 2023

**Itty Bitty Einsteins: Science Magic Tricks**
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10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST
Jan Martin, (605) 224-8295
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*It's April Fools Day, so it is time to play some science tricks on each other! Physics and chemistry are amazing and offer lots of fun tricks for all of us.*
April 4, 2023

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April 7, 2023

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April 8, 2023

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May 6, 2023

**Itty Bitty Einsteins: Who Sank the Boat?**  
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10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST  
Jan Martin, (605) 224-8295  
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*How does a boat float? What does it take to sink a boat? Boats will be built out of clay, foil, paper and other materials. Which boat can hold the most cargo (pennies)? This will be a time to be a creative boat builder.*

May 13, 2023

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June 3, 2023

**Itty Bitty Einsteins: Let it Blow!**
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*Why does the wind blow? How can we harness the wind? We will fly kites, try to measure the speed and direction of the wind and find how the wind can change the landscape.*

June 10, 2023

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July 8, 2023
Itty Bitty Einsteins: Let's Go Boom!
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10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST
Jan Martin, (605) 224-8295
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We will make our own rockets and other things that can go boom or make lots of color. Did you know you can make a snake out of sugar or a toothpaste volcano?

July 21, 2023
Discovery on Tap
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August 12, 2023
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August 18, 2023

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September 9, 2023

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September 9, 2023

**Itty Bitty Einsteins: Fall Fun Scavenger Hunt**
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10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST
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*Using our observation skills, a trek around the outside of the Discovery Center will give everyone to find different bits and pieces of nature. Will we be able to find an item for every letter of the alphabet?*

September 15, 2023

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05:30 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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October 7, 2023

Itty Bitty Einsteins: Ooey Gooey & Creepy Crawly
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It's time for fun with gooey stuff, spiders, bats, and snakes! Why are people afraid of snakes or spiders or bats? What kind of goo can we make with glue and liquid starch?

October 14, 2023

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November 4, 2023

Itty Bitty Einsteins: Going on a Bear Hunt
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10:30 AM - 11:30 AM CST
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Black bears, brown bears, grizzly bears, polar bears are alike and different in many ways. What do they eat? Where do they live? How do they survive in the cold? Let's find out!

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November 23, 2023

Exhibit Hall Closed for Thanksgiving
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST
Happy Thanksgiving!
Itty Bitty Einsteins: Christmas for the Birds
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What birds stay around Pierre in the winter? How do they stay warm? Where do they find food? How can people help our feathered friends?

December 9, 2023

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800 W Dakota Ave
Pierre, SD 57501
11:00 AM - 01:00 PM CST
Kris Heinen, (605) 224-8295
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On the 2nd Saturday of every month, enjoy a variety of presentations from Greek or Lakota constellations, the moon, deep space objects, and more! The topic will change depending on the presenter. Our new shows are not located inside of a planetarium dome and are in a larger area to allow for social distancing.

Discovery on Tap
St. Charles Lounge
207 E Capitol Ave #109
Pierre, SD 57501
05:30 PM - 07:00 PM CST
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December 24, 2023

Exhibit Hall Closed for Christmas Eve
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST
Happy Holidays!

December 25, 2023

Exhibit Hall Closed for Christmas Day
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST
Happy Holidays!

January 1, 2024

Exhibit Hall Closed for New Years Day
01:00 PM - 05:00 PM CST
Happy New Year!

January 1, 2500

General Volunteering Opportunities
805 W Sioux Ave
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12:00 AM - 01:00 AM CST
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