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OMSI Science Extravaganza Sep 16-17 caps inaugural Oregon Science Festival

Week-long STEAM event celebrates the region's scientists, engineers, and innovators.

[PORTLAND, OR – September 7, 2023] – The Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) presents the inaugural Oregon Science Festival September 11–September 17, bringing together individuals, families, and all lifelong learners to celebrate the importance of science as a force vital to our local culture, education, and economy.

The Oregon Science Festival expands on the former Portland Mini Maker Faire with new partners, offerings, and collaborations with weekday events throughout the Portland metro area. From Monday, September 11 through Thursday, September 15, corporate and community partners, including TinkerCamp, OHSU, PSU, and more, will bring STEAM experimentation, learning, and delight to the community. The festival will showcase the area's most groundbreaking innovators with activities ranging from laser cutting workshops to research center tours.

The week-long festival culminates in the first Science Extravaganza, Saturday, September 16, and Sunday, September 17, at OMSI. The Extravaganza features more than 45 partner booths, hourly science demonstrations with OMSI educators, plus events and workshops across the museum. Food carts will also be on site for visitors. Prehistoric trivia, an FX makeup workshop, a lecture on combating Portland's heat, a showing of the documentary *Keiko: The Untold Story of the Star of Free Willy* – all this and so much more awaits families, students, and explorers of all ages.

"This new Oregon Science Festival celebrates science, technology, engineering, art, and math as central elements of our region," said Melony Beard, Director of Events at OMSI. "We're so excited to welcome so many new and returning partners, innovators, and science enthusiasts to gather and spend a week celebrating science in our community."

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit omsi.edu/oregon-sci-fest

Tickets & Pricing

OMSI Science Extravaganza Admission, including general admission to OMSI and the featured exhibit, *Orcas Our Shared Future*: Adult \$18, Youth (ages 3–13) \$13, Senior (age 63+) \$15. Guests can purchase tickets at [omsiedu](https://www.omsiedu).

The Science Extravaganza is free for OMSI Members. Become a member at 15% off, now through September 18 at [omsiedu/membership](https://www.omsiedu/membership).

Submarine tours and Planetarium shows will be available for \$5.

Museum Hours of Operation

Tuesday–Friday & Sunday: 9:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

Saturday: 9:30 a.m.–7:00 p.m.

Monday: Closed, with the exception of Portland Public School holidays.

About OMSI

Founded in 1944, the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI) is one of the nation's leading science museums and a trusted educational resource for communities throughout Oregon and the region. Through museum exhibitions, public programs, outdoor programs, traveling exhibitions, digital learning, and learning research and design, OMSI nourishes a lifelong love of science, curiosity and learning among its diverse audiences. The upcoming [OMSI District](#) – a collaboration of local, Tribal and regional government entities, nonprofits and businesses – will be a one-of-a-kind neighborhood with innovation, culture and science learning at its heart. OMSI is located at 1945 S.E. Water Avenue, Portland, OR, 97214. For general information, call 503.797.4000 or visit [omsiedu](https://www.omsiedu). Connect with the museum on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

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