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April 2010 at the Science Museum of Virginia

- April 1 **Rat Basketball Playoffs** (event) Check out Richmond's smallest basketball players. The four most experienced rat basketball players are each playing for one of the Final Four NCAA teams. How will their results compare to the men's games? Only time will tell. **11 a.m.**
- April 3 **NanoDay** (event) See steel wool catch fire. Watch fabric and sand repel water. Feel atoms bouncing around. Join Virginia Commonwealth University engineering students and Science Museum gallery educators at **NanoDay. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.**
- April 7 **Lunch Break Science** (lecture) **Tornados, Tsunamis and More: The Potential for Natural Disasters in the United States** presented by University of Richmond School Continuing Studies Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Associate Dean and Associate Professor Dr. David E. Kitchen. Each week experts share easy to understand information on the wide range of fascinating science topics. Purchase lunch at Café Portico or pack your own lunch. **noon-1 p.m.** Free.
- April 10 **Science Games** (event) Compete to win prizes in a variety of science themed competitions. Team and individual competitions take place throughout the day using anything from catapults to parachutes. **11:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m.**
- April 14 **Lunch Break Science** (lecture) **Retrofitting Your Home to be More Stormwater Friendly** presented by Virginia Conservation and Recreation Stormwater Outreach Manager Dr. Jan-W. Briedé. Each week experts share easy to understand information on the wide range of fascinating science topics. Purchase lunch at Café Portico or pack your own lunch. **noon-1 p.m.** Free.

- April 16 **LiveSky** (planetarium show) **Venus** Find out about Venus, Earth's solar neighbor, in this interactive planetarium show. **6 p.m.** Come early, no late seating. \$5
- Sky Watch** (outside event held weather permitting) Join members of the Richmond Astronomical Society on the front lawn as they share their telescopes for a look at the night sky. **8 p.m.** Free.
- April 21 **Lunch Break Science** (lecture) **The Geologic History of the Massanutten Mountains** presented by Virginia Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Geology and Mineral Resources Geologic Mapping Program Manager Matt Heller. Each week experts share easy to understand information on the wide range of fascinating science topics. Purchase lunch at Café Portico or pack your own lunch. **noon-1 p.m.** Free.
- April 28 **Lunch Break Science** (lecture) **Landscaping for Wildlife** presented by master gardener, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden guide and clinical psychologist Dr. Barbara Ann Wiederkehr. Each week experts share easy to understand information on the wide range of fascinating science topics. Purchase lunch at Café Portico or pack your own lunch. **noon-1 p.m.** Free.
- Through June 18 **Arabia** (IMAX[®]DOME film) Follow the story of Arabian filmmaking student, Hamzah Jamjoom, as he returns home to film his native culture. Discover the roots of Arabian ancient traditions, and how Arabian society developed through history into what it is today. \$8.50
- Mysteries of the Great Lakes** (IMAX[®]DOME film) Travel to the inland seas where some of the most spectacular scenery on earth is also the world's largest concentration of freshwater. The Great Lakes are home to varied wildlife. Millions of Canadians and Americans rely on the lakes for water. Discover how humanity has brought these lakes to the brink of destruction...and back. \$8.50
- Through Sept 6 **National Geographic MAPS: Tools for Adventure** (exhibit) Discover the dynamics of maps by land, air, sea and space. Chart new

territories and plan adventures. Navigate through new technologies and ancient mapping techniques.

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Events are included with museum exhibit admission unless otherwise noted. Museum exhibit admission is \$9 for ages 4-12, 60+ and active military, and \$10 for ages 13-59. Children 3 and under are free. Science Museum exhibit hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday Openings: April 5, Memorial Day and Labor Day.

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