

Mad Science at the Fair

Children in Mad Science programs participate in scientific explorations that are so much fun, they often forget they are learning! Mad Science provides school and pre-school assembly programs, in-class workshops, and after school enrichment clubs. They visit over a hundred schools and preschools in the Hudson Valley every year, and offer programming for libraries, scouts and community groups. Mad Science also runs a day camp program at 10 plus locations every summer – last summer over 1,200 kids registered for camp.

Mad Science will be performing three different shows every day in the Arts & Crafts building, including daily appearances by Fluffy, their live, baby T-rex. Mad Science will also operate a hands-on discovery area in the building where children can play with robots, magnets, levitation, optical illusions, and more!

Brian Crandall, co-owner of Mad Science of the Mid-Hudson, has 17 years of experience with this unique brand of science education. Brian is a former teacher and now styles himself as an independent educator. While studying biology and archaeology at Binghamton University, his humor and unorthodox style infused his publications, and later earned Brian the 2013 IgNobel Award in archaeology. These awards, presented annually at Harvard University, honor research that “first makes people laugh, but then think” – a style that Brian continues to employ today when working with children.

