

Explorit Science Center
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(An earlier press release about Explorit's "At Home With Science" exhibit contained an incorrect date. Below is a corrected version in full. So sorry for the confusion.)

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Explorit's summer exhibition hits close to home

"At Home With Science" debuts June 16 as Explorit Science Center's major exhibition of the summer. It will be open to the public six days a week through Sept. 9 at the museum's main public facility at 2801 Second St., Davis.

This exhibition delves into the ways that science touches our lives in our own homes. About 30 hands-on exhibits will be spread out among the center's Jonsson Family Gallery, Rumsey Wet Lab, Discovery Room and enclosed outdoor patio.

Here are just a few of the exhibit's activities, which are designed for all ages:

- Investigate a dollhouse that has been retrofitted to represent a model energy-efficient home. See how the energy collected through its solar panels provides energy for its indoor lighting. Then younger visitors can enjoy playing with the dollhouse.
- Examine different types of solar ovens and learn how you can easily prepare a meal outdoors in the Central Valley sunshine.
- Use a watt meter to measure the amount of energy used by different types of light bulbs, and then look at them through a spectroscope to see their range of colors.
- View a colony of termites at work and see up-close why you don't want them munching on your home.

"Science isn't just a class at school," says Anna Grace, Explorit's exhibit coordinator. "Everything you touch at home has some sort of science attached to it. Think of the engineering that goes into the structure itself. The chemistry in the medicine chest. The physics of the power supply and the heating and air-conditioning system.

"In this exhibit, we've pulled together elements from many of the scientific disciplines to create an accessible, hopefully fascinating look at science in our daily lives, which after all is at the heart of Explorit's mission," she says.

“At Home With Science” will be open during normal public hours at the museum: 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, and 2-4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Admission is \$4 general, free for members, ages 3 and under and teachers with school ID.

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