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# North Dakota's Gateway to Science

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## **Gallery Hours**

**Mon-Thurs: 12pm-6pm**

**Friday: 12pm-5pm**

**Saturday: 10am-5pm**

**Sunday: Closed**

## **Calendar of Events**

### **October 12 & 15:**

**Preschool Discovery Hour (Seasons)**

**October 15:** Current gallery location closes

**October 20:** STEM Mini-Camp The Artemis Experience (grades 1-5)

## **Current gallery to close October 15**

### **Onsite programming through mid-November**

Gateway to Science's current gallery location at 1810 Schafer Street will close at 5pm on Saturday, October 15, 2022. The new science center at 1600 Canary Avenue will open on a to-be-determined date in early 2023.

"Closing our current location will allow our staff to focus on the move and the new building," said Executive Director Beth Demke. "This includes installing new exhibits, setting up classrooms and public gathering spaces, training, and having everything in good working order when we open the doors for our members and visitors."

Afterschool clubs will meet at the current Gateway to Science location through October. Day camps for grades 1-5 are scheduled for October 20, October 21, and November 10. Gateway to Science continues to schedule outreach programs throughout the state without interruption.

To learn more about the new building under construction, register for day camp, and schedule outreach programs, please visit [www.gatewaytoscience.org](http://www.gatewaytoscience.org).

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**October 21:** STEM  
Mini-Camp (grades 1-5)

**November 9 & 12:**  
Preschool Discovery Hour (STEM with Curious George co-sponsored by Prairie Public)

**November 10:** STEM  
Mini-Camp (grades 1-5)

**November 18:** Einstein on Wine

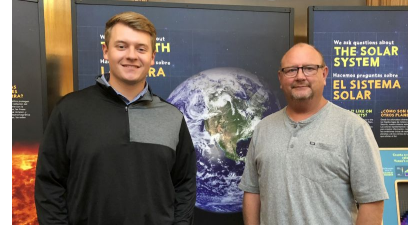
***Plan to visit the Gateway to Science hands-on exhibit gallery through October 15th!***

## **New positions added to NDGTS staff**

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### **Facility Operations Director, Gallery Manager**

North Dakota's Gateway to Science (NDGTS) welcomed Tim Olson (right) and Matt Guenther (left) to the staff as Facility Operations Director and Gallery Manager.



Tim Olson is Gateway to Science's new Facility Operations Director. Tim has more than 20 years' experience in building maintenance and management, most recently as the Lead Maintenance Mechanic for Bismarck's two Federal Buildings. A graduate of Bismarck State College's HVAC program, he also has training and experience in general maintenance of building equipment and mechanical systems.

The Facility Operations Director is responsible for overseeing all aspects of NDGTS facility and grounds operations.

Matt Guenther has joined the NDGTS staff as Gallery Manager. Matt is from Bismarck and recently moved back home from Fargo after graduating from NDSU and beginning his career. Prior to joining NDGTS, Matt worked as the Facility/Aquatics Specialist for the West Fargo Park District. He assisted in the facility management and day-to-day operations of the Rustad Recreation Center, Veteran's Memorial Pool, and Shadow Wood Splash Pad.

As Gallery Manager Matt will oversee day-to-day operations of the NDGTS galley and maintenance of exhibits.

Matt and his fiancé, Finola, are getting married in August 2023. In his free time, Matt enjoys spending time with family and friends, hunting, fishing, golfing, playing softball, and traveling to new places.

Welcome, Tim and Matt!



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## **Fall Preschool Discovery Hour programs**



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Seasons in October, Curious George in November

**Seasons is the theme for the October 12 and 15 Preschool Discovery Hour (PDH) programs.**



The October Preschool Discovery Hour is from 10:00 - 11:15 am.

Participants will explore the exhibits gallery, then join Gateway to Science staff for engaging hands-on activities about the four seasons. Activities include Seasonal Sculptures, Trees Throughout the Seasons, Seasonal Sorting, Memory, and Sink or Float–Fall Edition.

No pre-registration is required. Preschool Discovery Hour is free for Gateway to Science members and \$5 per child for non-members.

**Join us for *STEM with Curious George* on November 9 and 12.**

**Meet Curious George in person!** This special Preschool Discovery Hour is co-hosted by Prairie Public and is FREE for all attendees.

The November Preschool Discovery Hour is from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Storytime with Curious George will get things started, then you will explore fun, hands-on activity stations that include Build a Wall, Ramp N' Roll, Sail a Boat, Sort it Out, and 5 Senses.

No pre-registration is required. We allow up to two children per adult.

Look for information about another PDH co-hosted by Prairie Public in December!

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