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## **Atlanta Science Festival Brings Interactive Grand Finale the Exploration Expo Back to Piedmont Park**

Thousands Expected to Attend City's 'Biggest Science Party' March 21

**March 16, 2026 (Atlanta)** —The Atlanta Science Festival (ASF) presented by Delta Air Lines, the city's ultimate celebration of all things science and one of the largest of its kind in the country, runs now through March 21 with nearly 150 events taking place throughout metro Atlanta. ASF will once again deliver its annual, interactive grand finale, the **Exploration Expo**. The event is free, takes place rain or shine, and materializes **10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 21 in Piedmont Park**.

Thousands of curious kids and adults will descend upon Piedmont Park and experience the wonder of science with 100 hands-on, interactive science booths from local organizations, universities, and companies showing off Atlanta science.

Guests have the opportunity to examine their own cells under a microscope; tinker with lasers; make a lung model; code robots through a maze; touch a human brain; look inside a jet engine; and meet frogs, lizards, snakes, and scientists. And that's just a fraction of opportunities available at the Exploration Expo.

"From science-inspired art to measuring how far a sneeze travels to changing a tire on a race car, the Exploration Expo offers a wide range of scientific fun for all," says co-founder and executive co-director, Jordan Rose. "Our goal is to present the perfect crescendo to the Atlanta Science Festival, and this year surely delivers."

The Exploration Expo features **six exciting Zones** where guests can dive into science experiences firsthand.

- **Encounter Zone**, brought to you by Emory University: Explore the brain, body clocks, vaccines, how our lungs work, the science of sugar, funky fluids, and more.
- **Discover Zone**, brought to you by Mercer University & Mercer Health Sciences Center: Discover forensic science, the inside of the human body, amphibians, the science of farming, banking technology, and more.
- **Invent Zone**, brought to you by Georgia Tech: Learn about insect societies, be a healthcare hero, find out how a circuit powers your life, see what plankton live in our lakes, and more.
- **Thrive Zone**, brought to you by Kaiser Permanente: See how plants grow without soil, meet the people who make Delta Air Lines soar, learn about the science of slime, have fun with technology, and more.
- **Curious Zone**, brought to you by Kennesaw State University: See science and math in 3D, find out if birds wear backpacks, hang out with innovators and inventors, fuel up on big trucks and big science, and more.

- **STEAM Zone:** Hone the art of science haiku, explore chemistry and environmental science, encode a message with cryptography bracelets, watch LEGO go local, and more.

At precisely 12 p.m., the **Pink Ping Pong Big Bang** launches thousands of pink ping pong balls into the skies. Help countdown this explosion of science in The Meadow, sponsored by Emory University and performed by Dr. Doug Mulford and the ChEmory student group.

If all of that interactive science works up an appetite, take advantage of the many food and drink vendors setting up in the park as part of the Atlanta Science Festival. Complimentary water is available at stations throughout the Expo. Tables are available throughout the park. Guests are welcome to bring picnic blankets, refillable water bottles, and their own snacks.

View a complete exhibitor list, map, and additional event details at [AtlantaScienceFestival.org/expo](https://atlantasciencefestival.org/expo).

**At a glance:**

**The Atlanta Science Festival Exploration Expo.** 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 21. Free. Piedmont Park, at the intersection of Charles Allen Drive and 10th Street, Atlanta.

For additional press releases, a full schedule featuring more than 100 events, updates, photos, and more, visit the [Atlanta Science Festival Press Room](#).

**Interviews are available upon request.**

**About the Atlanta Science Festival**

The Atlanta Science Festival is a two-week celebration of science and technology. Taking place March 7-21, 2026, it will feature approximately 150 interactive and educational events. Kids and adults alike can dive into a range of topics from backyard critters and brains to kitchen chemistry and science-centric storytelling. The Atlanta Science Festival is engineered by Science ATL and 80+ community partners, with major support from presenting sponsor Delta Air Lines, founders Emory University and Georgia Institute of Technology, and other top sponsors UPS, Google, Cox, and NCR Atleos Foundation, among others. To learn more, visit [atlantasciencefestival.org](https://atlantasciencefestival.org).

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