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California Science Center Recognized with Multiple Awards

Los Angeles- Recently the California Science Center received both local and national attention as it was recognized through multiple awards. Awards ranged from national recognition as one of the top Science centers in the country, to recognition from local parents:

Parents Magazine

Parents Magazine recognized the California Science Center as one of the top ten Science Centers in the nation for young children and their families. The ten were selected after *Parents* conducted a survey of over 150 Science Centers in the US to find out who offered activities to appeal to the youngest scientists – children under the age of six. The California Science Center ranked number seven on the list, making it the top Science Center in Southern California. *Parents Magazine* highlighted California Science Center attractions like the hands-on Discovery Rooms, and the weekend show Science Spectacular, as activities sure to captivate a young child. <http://www.parents.com/family-life/travel/us-destinations/best-science-centers/>

Downtown News

The *Los Angeles Downtown News* published their “20th Annual Best of Downtown issue”. The California Science Center’s IMAX Theater was selected by Downtown News readers as “The Best Place for a Movie”. The Theater received top reviews for exceptional sound, 3D capabilities, and for being the largest theater in Los Angeles at seven stories high. Other categories highlighted by Downtown News included best shopping, best dining, and best weekend visits.

<http://www.downtownnews.com/articles/2008/07/21/entertainment/entertainment01.txt>

Nickelodeon

The California Science Center was also selected as Los Angeles’ 2008 Parent’s Pick for “Best Museum” in the “Big Kid” category as part of *Nickelodeon’s ParentConnect’s First annual Parents’ Picks Awards*. *Nickelodeon’s ParentConnect*, an online resource for parenting advice and community, asked parents to identify the top family-oriented places in their local communities. Other categories include Best Park or Playground, and Best Toy Store. www.Gocitykids.parentsconnect.com/ParentsPicks.htm

ABC7

ABC7 & Citysearch selected BODY WORLDS 3 at the California Science Center as one of the Top 7 “cheap things to do with kids” before summer’s over. ABC’s Jane Monreal interviewed California Science Center President Jeffrey Rudolph in a segment that highlighted fun and inexpensive activities around Los Angeles. http://abclocal.go.com/kabc/story?section=news/7_on_your_side&id=6336842

About the California Science Center

The California Science Center’s mission is as follows:” We aspire to stimulate curiosity and inspire science learning in everyone by creating fun, memorable experiences, because we value science as an indispensable tool for understanding our world, accessibility and inclusiveness, and enriching people’s lives.”

The **California Science Center** and **IMAX Theater** are located in historic Exposition Park just west of the Harbor (110) Freeway at 700 State Drive, Los Angeles. Open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., except on Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's Day. Admission to all permanent exhibit galleries is free. For recorded information, including IMAX show times, call 323.SCIENCE (323.724-3623). IMAX ticket prices range from \$4.75 to \$8.00. For advance ticket purchases, group rates, or to make reservations for any visiting group of 15 or more (*required*), call 213.744-2019. Parking is available in the guest lot at Figueroa and 39th Street at \$6 per car, \$10 for buses or oversized vehicles. Both the Science Center and IMAX Theater are wheelchair accessible. For further information, please visit our website at www.californiasciencecenter.org.

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