Science is everywhere. So are we! PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER’s Science On Wheels Program inspires lifelong interest in science, math, engineering and technology in communities throughout the Pacific Northwest.

What is Science On Wheels? PACIFIC SCIENCE CENTER recognizes the challenges associated with planning a field trip – that’s why our programming can come to you! Over the past 40 years, Science On Wheels has grown to become one of the largest and most well-respected science center outreach programs in the country. Last year our fleet of vans full of fun and educational exhibits, activities and experienced science educators visited over 165,000 students and adults across the Pacific Northwest. Science On Wheels complements your existing science curriculum by strengthening student engagement and building excitement for the captivating world of science.

What qualifications do Science On Wheels instructors have? All members of the Science On Wheels staff have a bachelor’s degree in education or science. Many are also certified teachers or have a master’s degree in teaching. All staff members have experience working with students.

What age range do you serve? 4 – 104! Call our sales team to determine which programs would be the best fit for your event and audience.

What kinds of programs does Science On Wheels offer? Our staff of science educators will engage all members of your school community with over 120 different programs that range from a 40-minute science show to a multi-day, all-school experience. Science On Wheels offers:
- High-energy shows featuring live demonstrations, giant props and audience participation.
- Over 100 different classroom workshops that give students a chance to experience hands-on science. Workshops can take place during the school day or during out-of-school time.
- Portable, interactive exhibit sets that transform any large room into a hands-on science center.
- Workshops inside inflatable planetarium domes that can bring the wonder of the universe to you!
Show, workshop and exhibit topics include physiology (Blood and Guts), geology (Rock and Roll) and astronomy (Space Odyssey), as well as physics, engineering, chemistry, math and much more!

How much does Science On Wheels cost? Fees range from $400 for a science show to $2,000 for a full day of science, which includes one science show, a full school day of exhibits and 15 classroom workshops. Total cost is based on the number of staff required, distance to your location and the duration of the program. Call our sales team for more information at (206) 443-2925.

Do participants go onto the vans? No. Our staff will unload all the materials and set up at your venue.
How far will Science On Wheels travel?
We regularly travel throughout Washington, Oregon and Idaho, and we are open to requests for programming farther away. Contact us directly to discuss the cost of bringing Science On Wheels to your location.

How far in advance do I have to book a program?
We accept bookings up to a year in advance, and no less than two weeks prior to the event date. Book early to reserve your preferred dates, times and programs.

Where will you present programs?
Most of our programs are at schools, but we also travel to science fairs, daycares, community centers, libraries, festivals, fundraisers, family nights, fairs and birthday or holiday parties.

Will you perform for adults?
Yes. Our staff members have extensive science backgrounds, so we have the ability to cater our programs to adults.

Are you aligned with current Washington state science and math standards?
Yes!

Is there a limit to the number of people who can attend Science On Wheels events?
During the school day, we limit each show audience to 400 people, exhibits to 60 visitors at a time and classroom workshops to 32 students. Out-of-school workshops are limited to 24 students. During evening and weekend community events, there is no restriction on attendance levels.

Can you do outdoor events?
Some of our programs can be presented outside. Most of our programming requires electricity and/or access to water. If you book our exhibits outdoors, we require a covered shelter area. Please speak to our sales team directly to learn more about which programs can be presented outdoors.

Please contact our sales team at edprograms@pacsci.org or call (206) 443-2925 for information or to register for a Science On Wheels program.