CAMPAIGN FOR

INNOVATION

WONDERS OF WATER

For more than 20 years, AdventureZone's active exhibits have been among the RMSC's most popular. To meet the needs of our guests, the aging gallery and its contents are in need of a major renovation. The RMSC is reimagining its most visible space to create a new exhibition that aligns with its strategic vision and is responsive to community needs and feedback. Wonders of Water will feature content-driven, place-based, topical, and accessible learning experiences where science, culture, and the natural world intersect.

Visitors will explore new and enhanced multisensory activities and tackle questions important to our community and beyond. Wonders of Water will explore our shared connection with the waters of our region, the underwater environment of Lake Ontario, how different cultures value water resources, human actions and the health of local watersheds, water as a foundation of technological innovation, and the connection between climate and weather in our region.

This exhibition features the following two sections:

Enter the new Wonders of Water exhibition through the "underwater" depths of Lake Ontario.
Featuring a life-sized shipwreck, the USS Scourge, visitors will explore and learn what life was like for diverse sailors aboard during the War of 1812, and how the ship sank during a violent storm in 1813. Guests will be able to pilot a Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV) to investigate the Great Lakes' oldest shipwreck, the HMS Ontario. Ascend a colossal new climbing structure to discover the aquatic species living at various depths.

Emerge from the underwater zone to learn how the waters of the region connect us to all living things.
Vistors will get their hands wet in the interactive water table! They can build a spray park, power a hydroelectric dam, or enjoy some fishing. Curious minds will explore and operate a hands-on model of Erie Canal Lock 32 that immerses them in the roles of Lock Operator and Boat Captain. Use a green screen to create your own message about the importance of protecting our local waters, then share it with your friends across social media.

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