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SCIENCE CENTER OFFERS VIEWS OF SKIES OVER PITTSBURGH

SKYWATCH DATES GIVE ASTRONOMY BUFFS A CLEAR VIEW OF THE WINTER, SPRING SKY

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 12, 2017 — Carnegie Science Center has added more winter and spring dates for its popular SkyWatch event.

SkyWatch happens rain or shine. During the program, visitors are invited to come to the Henry Buhl, Jr. Planetarium & Observatory and get up-close and personal with amazing celestial objects. The evening begins with a virtual tour of the night sky in Buhl Planetarium. Afterward, visitors are welcome to enjoy additional planetarium programs and, if the skies are clear, head up to the Science Center's rooftop observatory. The science center's 16-inch Meade LX200 Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope is powerful enough for guests to spot Saturn's rings and to see details on the lunar surface. During the event, visitors will have the opportunity to chat with the Science Center's team of expert stargazers.

SkyWatch is presented on select dates through March at 7 pm and again at 9 pm. As sunset times get later in the day, from April through the spring SkyWatch is presented at 8 pm and 10 pm. The cost is \$4 for non-members and \$2 for museum members, or as an add on to general Science Center admission or an Omnimax movie.

Astronomy buffs who bring their own fully assembled telescopes to share with others visit SkyWatch for free.

Upcoming SkyWatch Dates:

- **Friday, Jan. 27** - 7 pm and 9 pm
- **Saturday, Feb. 4** - 7 pm and 9 pm
- **Tuesday, Feb. 14** (Valentine's Day Date Night) - 7 pm and 9 pm
- **Saturday, March 4** (Lunar conjunction with Aldebaran) - 7 pm and 9 pm
- **Friday, March 18** (St. Patrick's Day SkyWatch) - 7 pm and 9 pm
- **Friday, April 7** (Jupiter at opposition) - 8 pm and 10 pm

- **Saturday, April 22** - 8 pm and 10 pm
- **Saturday, May 13** - 8 pm and 10 pm
- **Friday, May 26** - 8 pm and 10 pm

For more information about SkyWatch, and other planetarium programs, visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org.

About Carnegie Science Center

Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Established in 1895 by Andrew Carnegie, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. In 2016, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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