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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES SPRING EVENTS, ACTIVITIES

PROGRAMS OFFER SCIENTIFIC FUN FOR ALL AGES

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20, 2017 — Carnegie Science Center is offering a host of activities for people of all ages. Here's what's on tap this spring:

- **Dream BIG!** Opens Feb. 17
The newest film opening at Rangos Omnimax Theater, Pittsburgh's BIGGEST screen, showcases engineering's impressive impact on the world and human lives. Across the globe engineers are pushing the limits of ingenuity of innovation in unexpected, imaginative, and amazing ways. *Dream BIG* takes viewers on a journey of discovery from the world's tallest building, to a bridge higher than the clouds, to a solar car race across Australia. This family-friendly film is appropriate for all ages and has a runtime of 40 minutes.
Dream BIG is sponsored by Agora Cyber Charter School
- **Munchkin Mondays**, Mondays from 10 am – 2 pm, Jan. 23 – Feb. 27.
Munchkin Mondays are full of activities for the smallest scientists, early learners ages 2–6! Early learners will get up close to exciting science concepts, while having tons of fun with hands-on activities and socializing with other little learners. Activities include story time, make-and-takes, and planetarium and live demo shows just for preschoolers.
Supported by PNC Grow Up Great
Activities included with general admission.
- **Café Scientifique:** Cutting-edge science discussions and a chance to ask questions. Admission is free. The doors open at 6 pm, and the program runs from 7 – 9 pm.
 - **Feb. 6** Dr. Christopher Wilmer, University of Pittsburgh: "Is Carbon Capture Realistic?"
 - **March 13** David Sanchez, University of Pittsburgh: "Generating Electricity from BioFilms"
 - **April 3** John Swanson, Founder of ANSYS Inc.: "Renewable Energy: An Optimistic Future"

- **May 1** Save the date. Presenter and topic to be announced.
- **Science Sleepovers**
Spend the night at the museum. Science Center sleepovers offer a variety of themed activities, an Omnimax movie, a planetarium or laser show, a live theater show, a science workshop, and the chance to snooze among amazing exhibits. Upcoming themes include:
 - **Feb. 10** The Science of Toys
 - **Feb. 24** Engineering
 - **March 3** Boys Only – Invention Challenge
 - **March 17** Slimefest
 - **March 25** Astronomy
 - **March 31** Science That Glows
 - **April 8** Mission Possible
 - **April 21** Robotics
 - **April 29** Colorful Science
 - **May 5** Superhero Science
 - **May 12** Girls Only – Invention Challenge

Cost: \$39 per person. Call 412.237.1637 to register.

- **21+ Nights**, just for adults! All four floors of the Science Center but no kids! Music, science demos, cash bar, and a bargain admission price.

Cost: \$12 in advance / \$17 day of the event

- **Feb. 17** Sex, Love, and Science
- **March 24** Outer Space
- **April 28** Construction
- **May 19** SciFi

21 + Nights are sponsored by Walnut Capital, Cohen & Grigsby, Miller Lite, Fat Head's Brewery, Dos Equis, Macy's, and Yelp.

- **Dream BIG Girls' Night Out Design Challenge**, Feb 18

This special evening is for girls in grades 7-12 and an adult chaperone. After seeing the new Omnimax movie *Dream BIG*, guests will participate in three engineering challenges, with an awards ceremony at the end of the evening. Spaces are limited for this free event, call 412-237-1673 or visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org to register.

This event is underwritten by a grant from MacGillivray Freeman Films.

- **Engineer the Future**, Feb. 23 - 25

Visitors and students will be able to create a super ball, build a bobsled, or learn about circuits while discovering the field of engineering. More than 40 hands-on activity tables, contests, and demonstrations will be available at the event, along with the chance for visitors to meet local professionals.

A celebration of National Engineers Week

Powered by EQT

Activities included with general admission.

- **Miniature Railroad & Village® Reopens**, Feb. 25

The Science Center's world-renowned Miniature Railroad reopens to the public on Feb. 25, following its annual winter maintenance. Visitors can experience the grand history of western Pennsylvania through this wee world of historic landmarks, as well as see the latest model addition: the Westinghouse Atom Smasher.

- **Jammie Jam**, March 11, 5:30 – 9 pm

Bring little learners to the Science Center for an evening of themed activities for ages 2-6! Grown-ups and preschoolers will experience make-and-take activities, a live theater show, and story time, plus have access to four floors of exhibits and enjoy a snack. Children are encouraged to wear their pajamas!

Cost: \$15 per child/\$12 per adult

- **Space Out! Astronomy Weekend**, March 25-26

Visitors will discover how to navigate the stars, get an up-close look at moon rocks and meteorites, and learn all about telescopes. Explore space through hands-on activities, special guests, and interactive tables. Take a tour of the universe in the Buhl Planetarium. Activities are included with general admission.

Space Out Astronomy Weekend is sponsored by WISH 99.7 FM.

- **Parents-Kids Adventures**, select Mondays 1 - 2 pm

Designed around themes for little explorers (ages 4 - 5) and their adult helpers on select Mondays from 1 – 2 pm.

- **Feb. 13** Frozen Science
- **March 13** Fun With Bubbles
- **April 10** Catching Rainbows
- **May 8** Busy Bees

Cost: \$10 members / \$12 non-members

- **Preschool Spring Semesters**, select Tuesdays

Kids (ages 4 - 5) get ready for school and dig into important science topics.

- **Session I: Science Explorers**
Jan 31; Feb. 7, 14, 21, and 28
Tuesday mornings from 10 am – Noon
- **Session II: In the Garden**
March 28; April 4, 11, 18, and 25
Tuesday mornings from 10 am – Noon
Cost: \$50 members / \$65 non-members

- **Family Workshops**, select Sundays from 1 – 3 pm

Family bonding with a big dose of scientific fun for ages 6 and up!

- **Feb. 19** From Crayon to Candle
- **March 19** Bring on Spring
- **April 15** DIY Pinball Mania
- **May 14** Mother's Day Make-and-Take

Workshop cost: \$15 adult / \$10 child members

\$18 adult / \$13 child non-members

- **Homeschool Workshops**, select Thursdays from 1 – 3 pm for ages 6-10.

Workshops provide educational programming, hands-on experiments, and time to socialize with other young scientists.

- **Feb. 9** V is for Volcano (Ages 6-8); Video Game Design (Ages 9-12)
- **March 16** Sunny Science (Ages 6-8); Mission to Mars (Ages 9-12)
- **April 20** Under the Sea (Ages 6-8); Protect our Planet (Ages 9-12)
- **May 18** From Root to Shoot (Ages 6-8); The Science of Sound (Ages 9-12)

Cost: \$15 members / \$18 non-members

- **Tech Programs**

These spring programs combine creativity with science and require advance registration.

- **Feb 11 & 12** Minecraft, 1 – 4 pm (Ages 7–9) *Cost: \$45*
- **April 29 & 30** Minecraft, 1 – 4 pm (Ages 9-12) *Cost: \$45*
- **March 11** Programming with Scratch, 1 – 4 pm (Ages 6-10) *Cost: \$20*
- **March 11** Get Animated, 9 am – 12 pm (Ages 7-10) *Cost: \$20*
- **May 6** Game Design, 1 – 4 pm (Ages 8-12) *Cost: \$20*

- **Workshops for Scouts**

Have fun discovering and learning about tons of science topics! These workshops may fulfill certain Girl Scout and Boy Scout badge requirements; however, all workshops are available to all children.

Cost: \$20 / session unless otherwise noted

Girl Scouts

- **Feb. 11** Junior Get Moving Journey
- **Feb. 18** Junior Detective
- **March 11** Junior Get Moving Journey
- **April 1** Daisy Clover/Rosie Petal
- **April 22** Junior Entertainment Technology
- **May 13** Brownie Home Scientist

NEW Girl Scout Patch Workshops

All participants in these workshops will receive a one-of-a kind Carnegie Science Center Patch.

- **Feb. 25** Brownie – Girls and Engineering
- **March 4** Cadette – Girls and Robotics *Cost: \$45*
- **March 25** Junior – Girls and Astronomy

Boy Scouts

- **Feb. 25** Engineering
- **March 18** Game Design *Cost: \$45*
- **March 25** Astronomy; Space Exploration
- **April 8** Robotics *Cost: \$45*
- **April 22** Environmental Science
- **April 29** Chemistry
- **May 13** Geology; Oceanography
- **May 20** Game Design *Cost: \$45*

- **Tour Your Future**

This program gives girls ages 11–17 the opportunity to meet women who work in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math. Girls can visit a variety of workplaces to explore diverse careers ranging from astronomy and architecture to computer science and medicine. Call 412.237.1637 to register. Pre-registration is required. Upcoming tours include:

- **Feb. 18** University of Pittsburgh - Human Engineering Research Laboratories
- **Feb. 11** Allegheny Observatory

- **Feb. 17** UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex (Cranberry)
- **Feb. 20** Nova Chemicals
- **March 1** Kennametal
- **March 9** Covestro
- **March 13** Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium
- **March 21** University of Pittsburgh – Department of Plastic Surgery
- **March 22** Pittsburgh Supercomputing Center
- **March 24** AIA Architects
- **April 5** BoXZY
- **April 20** University of Pittsburgh – Swanson School of Engineering
- **April 28** University of Pittsburgh – Robertson/Wang Labs
- **May 19** Robert Morris University – School of Nursing

Cost: \$5 per girl

Presented by Valspar

- **Now playing at the Rangos Omnimax Theater** on Pittsburgh's biggest screen:

- *Extreme Weather*
- From The Vault – Classic Omnimax films back on the BIG screen!

See www.CarnegieScienceCenter.org for show times, pricing, and more details.

- **Laser shows** at Buhl Planetarium

This Spring: *Galactic Odyssey*, *Laser Queen*, *The Vision Bell: The Best of Laser Floyd*, *Laser Foo Fighters*, and *Laser Daft Punk*.

See www.CarnegieScienceCenter.org for show times, pricing, and more details.

As always, visit Carnegie Science Center for Highmark SportsWorks®, USS *Requin*, roboworld™, Miniature Railroad & Village®, hundreds of interactive exhibits, live demonstrations, and hands-on science activities.

Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org for details on events, shows, and programs.

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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