CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER TO OFFER SPECIAL DAYS FOR PRESCHOOLERS

MUNCHKIN MONDAYS JUST FOR JUNIOR SCIENTISTS AGES 2–6

PITTSBURGH — On Monday, Sept. 12, Carnegie Science Center will launch Munchkin Mondays—a day of themed activities just for preschoolers and their grown-ups. Each Monday through Oct. 31, kids ages 2–6 will have free reign over the Science Center’s building, with hands-on learning activities, scavenger hunts, sing-alongs, story time, and special planetarium and live demonstration shows just for our junior scientists.

All Munchkin Monday activities are free with Science Center admission and no advance registration is required. Special activities will take place from 10 am until 2 pm. Story times will take place at 10:45 am, 11:15 am, 12:15 pm, and 1:15 pm. Make-and-take tables will allow visitors to create a science-inspired craft to take home.

Each date has a unique and engaging theme that introduces our smallest explorers to some of the biggest concepts in science. The schedule is as follows:

Sept. 12: Trains — Complete schedule here.
Sept. 19: Play Along — Complete schedule here.
Sept. 26: Insects and Animals — Complete schedule here.
Oct. 3: Colors — Complete schedule here.
Oct. 10: Space and Robots — Complete schedule here.
Oct. 31: Halloween — Complete schedule here.

In addition to special themed activities, regular daily programs including planetarium shows, live demonstrations, and Omnimax movies will feature preschool-friendly content. The Buhl Digital Planetarium will feature shows like One World, One Sky: Big Bird’s Adventure, Circus in the Stars, and The Sky Above Mr. Rodgers’ Neighborhood. In the live demonstration theaters, little learners will be captivated by shows like Earth and Friends, What Do Animals Eat, and What’s that Sound.

On select dates, Carnegie Museum of Art will present a gallery play-date and creative art activities, and the National Aviary will be onsite with some of their most famous birds. Other special guests to be announced on the Science Center’s website; please see complete schedule for detailed information.
Visitors will have the option to add an Omnimax movie for just $8 non-members/$7 members for adults and $6 non-members/$5 members for children ages 6 and under. Everyone will have a roaring good time with Animalopolis, an Omnimax movie perfect for those ages 8 and under, and for those who are young at heart.

“While there’s always something for early learners at the Science Center, we are delighted to offer days when we cater to our youngest visitors,” says Jessica Lausch, director of Visitor Experience at Carnegie Science Center. “Igniting a passion for curiosity, learning, and discovery in our visitors is the most important thing we do here. Through Munchkin Mondays, we are engaging kids at an early age so that they have a head start in science literacy.”

Munchkin Mondays is for individual families, as well as daycare, preschool, and community groups. For more information on booking a group visit, which would be 15 or more people, please contact Erica Tamoria at 412.237.3434 or TamorriaE@CarnegieScienceCenter.org.

About Carnegie Science Center
Carnegie Science Center brings the world of science alive for visitors of all ages. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center features hands-on exhibits, three live demonstration theaters, a four-story Omnimax theater, Highmark SportsWorks®, an interactive full-dome digital planetarium, a Cold War-era submarine moored on Pittsburgh’s Ohio River, the world’s largest and most comprehensive robotics exhibition, and a world-renowned model railroad display. Carnegie Science Center is located at One Allegheny Avenue on Pittsburgh’s North Shore next to Heinz Field. Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org, or call 412.237.3400 for more information.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh
Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh is a collection of four distinctive museums dedicated to exploration through art and science: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. Annually, the museums reach more than 1.2 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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