SCIENCE CENTER TO HOST ASTRONOMY GEEK NIGHT: MARS EDITION

EVENT FEATURES LIVE-STREAM DISCUSSION WITH MARS EXPERTS

PITTSBURGH, July 25, 2014 – To commemorate the second anniversary of the Mars Curiosity rover’s landing, Carnegie Science Center will present “Astronomy Geek Night: Mars Edition.” The event begins at 7 pm on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

The Science Center will present a live-stream of “Mars Up Close,” a panel discussion through National Geographic and NASA. The panel will discuss the latest discoveries from Mars and what scientists have learned from Curiosity. Dr. Jim Green, NASA’s Planetary Science division director and head of the Mars Program, will introduce the panel. The panel of distinguished space scientists comprises: Ken Edgett, principal investigator, MAHLI Camera, Mars Exploration Program; John Grant, geologist and long-term planner, Curiosity Mars Science Laboratory; and Pan Conrad, deputy principal investigator, sample analysis at Mars team, NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center. Marc Kaufman, a space news writer and author of the new National Geographic book “Mars Up Close” will moderate the discussion.

Before the live-stream, a video titled “Seven Minutes of Terror” will chronicle the difficult final moments before Curiosity’s landing.

After the live-stream, guests can watch the Planetarium show “Field Trip to Mars” and, weather permitting, venture to the rooftop observatory to view Mars through a telescope with expert guidance. Dr. Brendan Mullan, astrophysicist, science communicator, and director of the Buhl Planetarium & Observatory, will introduce the event and answer questions.

Tickets cost $5 and are available in advance online. The event is limited capacity and is expected to sell out. Snacks will be available for purchase during the event.

For more information or to register, visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org or call 412.237.3400.

About Carnegie Science Center

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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

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