CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER ANNOUNCES HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

GIVE KIDS THE GIFT OF SCIENCE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 25, 2014 — It’s trains, trains, trains this holiday season as Carnegie Science Center offers a host of programs perfect for families. Among the train-themed events are two Omnimax movies featuring locomotives.

- **Miniature Railroad & Village®** reopens Nov. 28
  A model of Buhl Planetarium and Observatory joined the Miniature Railroad & Village® this year, in commemoration of the planetarium’s 75th anniversary. Each fall, a new model is added to the display to further expand its coverage of the region’s history chronicling the 1880s – 1930s. To fashion this year’s Buhl Planetarium model, Science Center staff employed new laser-cutting technology, relying on original photos of the building. The Miniature Railroad & Village® is presented by Lionel and powered by Mazda.

- **Lionel Days**, Nov. 28 – Jan. 1
  Lionel Days features museum-quality artifact displays of vintage Lionel trains, a classic model railroad layout, and festive train decorations on the grand holiday tree, all on loan from Lionel. Special weekend activities include the interactive Lionel Kids’ Zone with easy-to-build train sets and special visits by Lenny the Lion! Activities are included with general admission. Lionel Days are presented by Lionel.

- **The Polar Express: An IMAX Experience**, Nov. 28 – Jan. 4
  This magical holiday film, on Pittsburgh’s biggest screen, revolves around a doubting young boy who takes an extraordinary train ride to the North Pole. It’s an Omnimax film sure to dazzle the entire family. *The Polar Express* is sponsored locally by Peace, Love, and Little Donuts. *Pricing for this special feature film: $10 adult/$8 child*

- **Rocky Mountain Express**, Nov. 28 – Jan. 4
Rocky Mountain Express explores deep river canyons and steep mountain passes aboard a roaring steam locomotive for an unforgettable adventure into the Canadian Rockies. Rocky Mountain Express is sponsored locally by Bairel Subaru.
Cost: Adult members $7.50, child members $5.50; Adult non-members $8.50, child non-members $6.50

- **Holiday Magic Laser Show**, Nov. 28 – Jan. 4
  This special holiday laser show features traditional holiday tunes ranging from contemporary hits to classic renditions by Bing Crosby. This laser show is guaranteed to be a hit with all ages. Laser shows are powered by Mazda.
  Cost: $2 for members/$8 for non-members.

- **Breakfast Express**, Dec. 6, 13, and 20
  Breakfast Express has become a holiday tradition for many families. It includes a piping-hot breakfast, *The Polar Express: An IMAX Experience*, loads of family fun, time in the Miniature Railroad & Village®, and a chance to meet Mr. McFeely. To register, call 412.237.3400, then press 7.
  Breakfast Express is presented by Lionel.
  $25 member/$30 non-member adult  
  $20 member/$25 non-member child/senior  
  $10 all children 1-2 years

- **Locomotion Weekend**, Dec. 13 and 14
  Locomotion Weekend features dozens of train displays by local hobbyists, rail-related exhibits, a “Loco Doctor” providing train check-ups, and hands-on activities for train enthusiasts of all ages! Activities included with general admission.
  Locomotion Weekend is presented by Lionel and sponsored by Isaly’s, Wish 99.7 FM, Mr. Waterheater, and J&D Waterproofing.

- **MessFest**, Jan. 1
  MessFest is a messy and science-filled way to start the New Year! Visitors experience globs of oobleck, participate in pie-eating races, finger paint, make slime, and more. Guests are encouraged to dress appropriately as they will get messy. All activities included with admission.

Visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org for details.

**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**

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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