SCIENCE CENTER TO HOST ANNUAL PUMPKIN SMASH EVENT

VISITORS INVITED TO ROLL JACK-O-LANTERNS OFF SCIENCE CENTER ROOF

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 26, 2016 — Carnegie Science Center is inviting families to bring their pumpkins for a physics-filled day of fun at the annual Great Pumpkin Smash event on Saturday, Nov. 5.

Visitors can join Smash-o-logists to roll their leftover jack-o-lanterns off the Science Center’s roof. Some will smash, some will splatter, and some will even bounce. It’s an exploration into physics to understand why different pumpkins react to the fall in different ways. A video monitor allows participants to watch their pumpkin’s great smash (or bounce) without leaning over the edge. Spectators can witness the smashing sequence from a safe distance outside the “splash zone” on the ground.

Along with the fun of smashing pumpkins, visitors can also watch some explode. The Science Center’s back lawn will be used to demonstrate how liquid nitrogen can be used to create an exciting pumpkin blast.

Continuing the pumpkin theme, visitors can enjoy pumpkin flavored ice cream during the “Science in a Scoop” show in the BodyStage.

Activities will run from 10 am – 5 pm rain or shine and are included with the price of general admission. Pre-registration is not required.

For more information on Great Pumpkin Smash and other upcoming holiday-themed events, 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 2015, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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