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PARTY WITH STORMTROOPERS AT SCIENCE CENTER'S 21+ SCI FI NIGHT

EXPLORE THE SCIENCE BEHIND SCIENCE FICTION AT NEXT NO-KIDS NIGHT

PITTSBURGH, May 4, 2017 – Carnegie Science Center invites guests to one of the most popular no-kids nights of the year! 21+ Sci Fi is back on **Friday, May 19, from 6 – 10 pm**, to explore the science behind science fiction with hands-on activities and special shows.

As always, 21+ Night features cash bars, snacks available for purchase, and the chance to experience the exhibits with no kids! Live music will be provided by <u>GumBand</u> in the Science Center's Robot Lounge. Participants get a discount on Omnimax movies and laser shows that evening.

Visitors will have the chance to snap a selfie with a Stormtrooper and other Star Wars character favorites courtesy of Garrison Carida, a chapter of the 501st Legion, and the Rebel Legion Star Wars costuming groups. Sci-fi fans can mingle with members of the Steel City Ghostbusters and take a picture in front of the Steel City Time Machine, a DeLorean made to look like the Back to the Future time machine.

Learn about Mars exploration through the lens of Orson Wells *War of the Worlds* in our show "Mars Madness." Join in the fun with Foley Effects to recreate the chilling Halloween broadcast of *War of the Worlds!* Join the search for Martian life, in fact and fiction. Discover how robots are teaching us about the Red Planet, paving the way for Earthlings to "invade" Mars in the future.

Other activities include making "ectoplasm" slime to take home and exploring futuristic technology like 3D printing, which would have been considered science fiction just a few decades ago. Visitors can get a photo taken in front of the Science Center's green screen to transport themselves into a favorite sci-fi universe and make a hovercraft to take home.

Proper identification is required, and all guests must show ID at the door. Tickets cost \$12 in advance and \$17 at the door.

21+ Nights are sponsored by Walnut Capital, Cohen & Grigsby, Wilson McGinley, Macy's, and Steel City Media.

For more information and to register, 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 2016, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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