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**EXPLORE THE STARS ABOVE AT SKYWATCH**

**GET A GLIMPSE OF THE GREAT ORION NEBULA BEFORE THE SEASON'S END**

**WHAT:**

Tap into your inner astronomer at SkyWatch, presented by PPG, at Carnegie Science Center's Buhl Planetarium and Observatory. March's SkyWatch will be one of the last chances of the season to catch a glimpse of The Great Orion Nebula, the nearest large star-forming region in space, as well as the brightest nebula in the sky. The Pleiades open star cluster, the brightest such cluster in all the sky, and Sirius, the brightest star in the night-time sky, should also be in view.

The evening kicks off with a virtual tour of the night sky in the planetarium. Afterward, enjoy additional planetarium programs, and if the skies are clear, head up to our observatory. Gaze at the stars through various telescopes, such as our 16-inch Meade LX200 Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope, and chat with our team of expert stargazers.

The SkyWatch program is offered at 8 and 10 pm. Tickets are \$4 for non-members, and \$2 for members and as an add-on to general admission.

**WHEN:**

8 pm and 10 pm Fri., March 16

**WHERE:**

Carnegie Science Center  
One Allegheny Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15212

**WHO:**

Carnegie Science Center's Buhl Planetarium and Observatory staff will give guests a virtual tour of the night sky. If weather and skies permit, guests will be invited up to the observatory to check out the sky using various telescopes.

**VISUALS:**

In addition to serving as Pittsburgh's destination for stargazing and amateur astronomy, the observatory offers an absolutely breathtaking view of downtown Pittsburgh.

**About Carnegie Science Center**

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