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# CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER OFFERS HOLIDAY EVENTS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

FROM A CLASSIC HOLIDAY FILM TO AN 18+ STAR PARTY EVENT, CELEBRATE THE SEASON AT PITTSBURGH'S MOST-VISITED MUSEUM

**PITTSBURGH, Nov. 4, 2021** — If you're looking for places to go during the holiday break or fun activities perfect for families, groups, and date night options, <u>Carnegie Science Center</u> is offering festive experiences throughout November and December. Here's what's coming up this holiday season at Carnegie Science Center.

### **Holiday traditions:**

Make magical memories at the Miniature Railroad & Village®

Miniature Railroad & Village® – reopens Thurs., Nov. 18 with the NEW model, Gus & YiaYia's Ice Ball Cart

Take a walking tour of western Pennsylvania in this breathtaking train display! See replicas of popular landmarks including Primanti Bros., Forbes Field, Kaufmann's Department Store and clock, and this year's new addition, Gus & YiaYia's ice ball cart. A timeless tradition for the whole family! (FREE with general admission)

## Be dazzled by brilliant colors and favorite holiday tunes

<u>Laser Holiday Magic</u> – Fri., Nov. 26–Fri., Dec. 31 | Mon.–Fri., 1:30 pm; Sat.–Sun., 4 pm
 Enjoy the magic of the holiday season with a festive laser celebration that's perfect for the whole family. This show features traditional and contemporary versions of beloved holiday tunes. (\$2 for Members /\$8 for Nonmembers or \$5 as an add-on to general admission)

# A holiday classic on Pittsburgh's largest screen:

Enjoy holiday fun with a classic film in your PJ's

The Polar Express 3D Screenings in The Rangos Giant Cinema – Fridays–Saturdays:
 Nov. 26, 27; Dec. 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, with additional screenings Mon.–Thurs., Dec. 20–23
 5:30 pm

Based on the beloved children's book by Chris Van Allsburg, *The Polar Express 3D* tells the tale of a young boy who doubts the existence of Santa Claus. Embarking on a journey of self-discovery that shows him that the wonder of life never fades for those who just believe. (\$7.95 for Members /\$9.95 for Nonmembers)

## Holiday celebrations for the whole family:

## Blast off to far away galaxies without leaving Pittsburgh!

• Space Out! Astronomy Weekend - Sat.-Sun., Nov. 20-21 | 10 am-4 pm

Visitors can chat with space experts, experience the latest technology in a planetarium show, and check out space-themed activities on every floor. (FREE with general admission)

### Spark seasonal science with a full-day camp!

• Holiday Camps - Mon.-Thurs., Dec. 27-30

Campers can hunt for treasures from the past, put their astronaut skills to the test, and learn why the weather outside is frightful. It's a full-day camp for ages 6-12. (Registration opens soon!)

### An adventure for all train enthusiasts!

Locomotion Weekend – Sat.–Sun., Jan. 15–16 | 10 am–5 pm

All aboard for a weekend of locomotive fun! See a bevy of guest train displays owned and operated by local hobbyists and train associations. (FREE with general admission)

## Festive date night events:

## Grab a buddy and spread cheer at our adults-only events

• 18+ Night: Team Design Challenge - Fri., Nov. 19 | 6-10 pm

Celebrate Friendsgiving with an engineering twist! Gather your crew for a series of team design challenges while enjoying live music, food, and drinks. (\$18 for Members/\$20 Nonmembers)

• 18+ Night: Solstice Party - Fri., Dec. 17 | 6-10 pm

Get ready for the longest night of the year with a party under the stars. Learn all about the winter solstice with a special show in Buhl Planetarium. Explore the Moon and solar system with interactive experiences throughout the night, share hot food and cold drinks with friends, and enjoy live music. (\$18 for Members/\$20 Nonmembers)

### For the historians and travel fanatics:

## Tour POMPEII: THE EXHIBITION with the family

• <u>POMPEII: THE EXHIBITION</u> – On display through Sun., April 24, 2022

Discover 2,000-year-old artifacts inside a unique Roman villa, experience the immersive 4D Eruption Theater, see detailed painting and mosaics, and learn how the people of Pompeii lived, loved, worked, worshipped, and found entertainment.

### Embark on the ultimate steam-powered adventure

• Rocky Mountain Express – Showing daily in The Rangos Giant Cinema

From spectacular IMAX aerial cinematography of the Canadian Rockies to archival photographs and maps, be immersed in this remarkable story from the early age of steam-powered transportation.

## See the beauty and destruction created by volcanic eruptions

<u>Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation</u> – Showing daily in The Rangos Giant Cinema
 Learn from National Geographic photographer Carsten Peter what it's like to rappel into the very heart of an active vent. See footage from the 2018 Kilauea eruption and learn more about the geographic impacts of living at the base of an active volcano.

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

Hi-res images are available for download HERE.(link to new photos)

#### **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.

#### Accessibility: Features for All

Carnegie Science Center welcomes all visitors. We work to assist visitors with disabilities in obtaining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities. We welcome visitors in wheelchairs on the deck of our USS Requin (SS 481) submarine. Below-deck visits require full mobility. Hearing assistance devices are available for The Rangos Giant Cinema. Please ask when you buy your ticket.

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### **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 2017, the museums reached more than 1.4 million people through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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