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## **CELEBRATE NASA'S PERSEVERANCE ROVER LANDING**

### **WITH CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER**

***SPECIAL ON-SITE AND VIRTUAL EVENTS EXPLORE THE SCIENCE BEHIND THE  
HISTORIC MISSION***

**PITTSBURGH, Feb. 12, 2021** — Looking to celebrate NASA's Perseverance Rover landing? Be part of the exciting journey at [Carnegie Science Center](#)! Travel to the canyons and mountains of Mars in Buhl Planetarium. Get a sneak peek at the science behind the Perseverance Rover and Ingenuity helicopter during a virtual landing party. See the exciting lineup of virtual and on-site events and programs planned for Mon., Feb. 15–Thurs., Feb. 18.

#### **Virtual events:**

Visit Carnegie Science Center's [Facebook Page](#) to see these free, live programs from home!

**Mon., Feb. 15 at 10:30 am**

#### ***Bite-Sized Buhl: Mars Monday***

Travel to the Red Planet and build a Martian colony with two stories for young learners and their grown-ups! Buhl Planetarium & Digital Media Manager Mike Hennessy will read the books, *I Am Mars*, by Rebecca and James McDonald, House of Lore Publishing, 2019, and *The Rocket that Flew to Mars*, by Audrey Sauble, Larch Books, 2017.

**Thurs., Feb. 18 at 10:30 am**

#### ***Bite-Sized Buhl: NASA's Perseverance Rover preview to its landing on Mars!***

Travel to Mars for a geology adventure with Buhl Planetarium's Digistar 7 software. Get a sneak peek at NASA's latest mission to Mars, landing this afternoon in Jezero Crater. Discover the technology behind the new Mars rover Perseverance and Ingenuity helicopter.

**Thurs., Feb. 18 at 3:30 pm**

#### ***Mars Landing Party***

NASA's Perseverance Rover is landing on Mars at 3:55 pm! Join the Buhl Planetarium team for a LIVE landing party as we follow NASA mission updates. Perseverance is set to land in Jezero Crater, and we

invite you to share in the experience and learn about the science behind the mission with us.

### **On-site programs:**

#### **Planetarium show: Mission to Mars!**

***Mon., Feb. 15 at 3 pm; Wed., Feb. 17 at 3 and 4 pm; Thurs., Feb. 18 at noon and 2:30 pm***

NASA's latest, greatest robot – Perseverance – is heading to Mars right now, and you can be a part of the journey! First, spot Mars over Pittsburgh in our current night sky. Then, travel to the canyons and mountains of Mars in Buhl Planetarium. Get a sneak peek at the science behind the Perseverance Rover and Ingenuity helicopter, landing in a Martian crater! This new mission to Mars will be brought to life with brand-new planetarium animations. It is the next best thing to being there! Free with general admission.

#### **Planetarium show: Storytime Under the Stars**

***Mon., Feb. 15 at 11 am and noon; Wed., Feb. 17 at 11 am; Thurs., Feb. 18 at 11 am***

Early learners and their grown-ups are invited to enjoy Mars-themed stories under a starry sky! Sit back, relax, and enjoy the stars and the storytelling, under a bright and beaming Moon in Buhl Planetarium. Free with general admission.

Please see the [safety guidelines](#) in place to learn what is being done to ensure safe and fun experiences for all visitors.

Buhl Planetarium shows are presented by Green Mountain Energy.

For more information, visit [CarnegieScienceCenter.org](https://www.carnegiesciencecenter.org) or call 412.237.3400.

#### **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.

Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or [info@carnegiesciencecenter.org](mailto:info@carnegiesciencecenter.org). Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh's Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email [accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org](mailto:accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org).

#### **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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