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Have Your Very Own “Night at the Museum” At The Children’s Museum

West Hartford, CT (January 19, 2007)...The Children's Museum (formerly Science Center of Connecticut) invites guests to spend the night and take part in a family adventure that begins on Friday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. and concludes at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17 for “Nature at Night”.

Families will be able to sleepover in the museum and take part in various exciting nighttime nature activities. The nocturnal animals like the owl, chinchilla, and the hedgehog will be wide awake and ready to be the main attractions for all nighttime guests. Families can get up close and personal with these animals and learn about their diets, habitats, and unique characteristics, while also having the chance to catch a late night experience of the museum's permanent exhibits and the special traveling exhibit, *Color Play: the Art and Science of Color and Light*. Color Play features an assortment of vivid and sensational interactive displays that bring color to life. Guests will be mystified by the science behind different colored lights, four-color printing, television's color pixels, holographic refraction and more.

A planetarium show will also be presented featuring a live sky demonstration. The museum's telescopes will even be available for families to use to gaze up into the twinkling stars. Then, once all of the fun-filled night activities have dwindled down, it will be time for all guests to pull out their sleeping bags and drift off into a soothing sleep

in one of the exhibit halls. It will truly be an extraordinary and memorable experience for all families!

Pre-registration for the evening event is required by contacting 860.231.2830, ext. 52 or for more information contact the Scouting Program Manager at (860) 231-2830, extension 33. Admission cost is \$28 per person. An evening snack and light breakfast will be provided. Children must be between the ages of 4-12 and accompanied by a parent.

The Children's Museum is committed to igniting the curiosity of young people through science and nature. In addition to the museum and the Gengras Planetarium, the organization includes the United Technologies Wildlife Sanctuary, Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton, and The Children's Museum Preschool, one of the oldest preschools in the country. The Children's Museum serves close to 200,000 people annually, and is the fifth oldest children's museum in the country, and serves more people than any other museum in Connecticut. Located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford, the museum is accessible from I-84 Exit 43 and offers free parking. For more information, visit the website at www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org.

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