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**HANDS-ON SCIENCE TAKES OFF  
AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

*Hamilton Sundstrand Partners with Museum for Space Week*

WEST HARTFORD, Conn., July 15, 2009 – Hands-on science takes off during a special summer Space Cadets camp week at The Children's Museum in West Hartford from July 27 to July 31. Space cadets will also learn about planets, stars, asteroids and space exploration as well as the basics of galaxies, rocket propulsion, and gravity. The week will finish with a bang when summer vacation campers launch their rockets they have built with the help of mentors from Hamilton Sundstrand. Programs will also run in the Travelers Science Dome theater at the Gengras Planetarium.

Said Kevin Sullivan, President and CEO of The Children's Museum, "Every day, we try to teach children to reach for the stars by helping them experience science. This time, our Summer Science Camp space cadets get a special chance to work with mentors from one of the biggest-name research and production companies in space travel and aerospace. It's a great opportunity to learn and a real countdown to fun."

Space Cadets summer vacation science camp is filling up fast but registration will be open until noon on July 24. Campers may be registered by calling 860.231.2830 x44. Registration for the week costs \$345 (\$295 for Museum members) for full-day camp and \$200 (\$185 for Museum members) for half-day camp. Space Cadets science camp is appropriate for children in grades 1 through 6.

The Children's Museum offers over 100 live animals, hands-on science exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. With over 210,000 visitors annually, it is one of Connecticut's top museum attractions. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and at Roaring Brook Nature Center in Canton. More information is available at [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org).

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