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CELEBRATE THE SUMMER SOLSTICE AT THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM JUNE 23RD

West Hartford, CT (June 14, 2007)...The Gengras Planetarium at The Children's Museum (formerly Science Center of Connecticut) will host a Summer Solstice Celebration on Saturday, June 23rd from 7:30 to 10:30 pm. The event will celebrate the longest day of the year and the beginning of summer (on June 21) with traditions of ancient and modern times.

Appropriate to all ages, the event will feature:

- Stargazing with the planetarium's brand new Meade LightBridge 16" Truss-Tube Dobsonian Telescope, made possible through the generous support from Hamilton Sundstrand.
- "*Spirits from the Sky*" astronomy show which explores the sky of the Skidi Pawnee Native American Tribe, and how they used the movement of the stars to plan their daily lives.
- Storytelling, bonfire, and cooking "camp fire donuts" over the open fire
- Decorating and dancing around a May Pole
- Craft activities including pocket sundials, Hopi Kachina Spirit Dolls, and more.

Pre-registration is encouraged by 5:00 pm Friday, June 22nd at a cost of \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members by contacting 860.231.2830, ext. 44 or

events@TheChildrensMuseumCT.org . Walk-in prices the night of the event are \$10 for

members and \$12 for non-members. For more information visit the website at:

www.thechildrensmuseumct.org/planetarium/plan_star_parties.htm .

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 Connecticut's largest museum.

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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