



## Celebrating the Season with The Children's Museum

WEST HARTFORD, CT (December 5, 2016) –The Children's Museum is getting into the holiday spirit with upcoming family programs that connect learning and fun.

- **Let it Snow!** The popular planetarium show plays daily through January 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't miss your chance to sing-a-long to holiday favorites accompanied by stunning visuals.
- **Mitten Tree.** Help those less fortunate by donating an item to the Museum's Mitten Tree. Families can receive one free ticket to see *Let it Snow* in the planetarium for their donation. New hats, mittens, gloves, scarves and socks happily accepted.
- **The Annual Great Gingerbread Engineering Challenge.** On Sunday, December 11, gather your family and put your engineering (and candy) skills to the test. Pre-registration is required. Register online [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org).
- **Families Learn Together.** On Sunday, December 11, Snapology of Hartford – West will be at the Museum to teach robotics and engineering principles to children ages 3-14 using LEGO® bricks, motors, programming and more! Free with admission.
- **Countdown to Noon Years.** Celebrate 2016 a little early with the Countdown to Noon on December 31. Stop by the Museum for a celebration and activities starting at 10am, all free with general admission or membership.
- **Winter Science Camp.** With kids out of school for the holiday season, the Museum has fun and educational day camps planned that keep kids in Grades 1-6 learning and entertained.
- **Winter Vacation Week Activities.**
  - Monday, December 26: Learn About Lars, make cotton ball polar bears and learn about insulation.
  - Tuesday, December 27: Let It Snow, make a snow globe, cut out snowflakes and participate in story time.
  - Wednesday, December 28: Staying Warm When It's Cold, make hand warmers and learn how animals stay warm.
  - Thursday, December 29: The Northern Lights, find out the about the Northern Lights and create a stained glass window craft.
  - Friday, December 30: Fireworks, learn about the history of fireworks and paint some fireworks.
- **Gift Giving Opportunities.** The Museum has the perfect gift for anyone on your list from Family Memberships, Be Our Guest Passes, Animal Sponsorships, Honorary Donation and Museum Gift Shop.



For further information on all holiday programming, please visit [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org). Registration for programs can also be done through the Registration Department at 860-726-4008.

The Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for exploration and education. Home to over 100 live animals, the Museum features hands-on exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for young children and families.

The Children's Museum and Preschool are located at 950 Trout Brook Drive in West Hartford and Roaring Brook Nature Center is located at 70 Gracey Road in Canton. More information is available at [www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org](http://www.TheChildrensMuseumCT.org).

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