



Where Science and Nature Are Fun



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### **Hair Raising Experiences in store on Electromagnetic Sunday at The Children's Museum on December 18**

West Hartford, CT., November 30, 2011— From demonstrations that will literally stand your hair on end to an electromagnet that can lift 200 pounds powered only by AA batteries, Electromagnetic Sunday has hands-on fun for everyone on December 18 from 11:00am-4:00 pm at The Children's Museum.

Among the activities and demonstrations for Electromagnetic Sunday are:

- The Thunderhouse, an explosive demonstration courtesy of Benjamin Franklin himself
- Creating electrical circuits with play dough, or the human body
- Strangeness with magnets - slow motion eddy currents, the ultra-fast gauss cannon, and the oily magnetic substance called ferro fluid
- See how electricity is made, used, and conserved with activities from the famous Franklin Institute

Electromagnetic Sunday activities are free with general admission and will run from 11:00 AM to closing time at 4:00 PM. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive, West Hartford.

Family Science Sundays are family oriented science and nature programs that are built around different themes and creative features that will be fun, inspirational and educational for families and children of all ages. The program is funded through a \$50,000 grant from the Northeast Utilities Foundation/CL&P.

Family Science Sundays include science demonstrations, hands-on experiments, and family-focused creative takeaways, special guest presenters and an online component for those who want to explore the day's theme further. Under the grant, The Children's Museum offers a different school, youth group, or community organization in a high-need community free admission each month. ConnectiKids, a nonprofit youth development organization which provides tutoring, mentoring and enrichment programs for Hartford children and teens, is the guest group in December.

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. It is one of Connecticut's most visited 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).