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Dinosaurs Alive—Jurassic Treehouse Opens, Old School Sunday & Medieval Science round out Holiday Weekend at The Children's Museum

West Hartford, CONN., January 3, 2012—From the opening of *Dinosaurs Alive—Jurassic Treehouse*, to special programs that are anything but ordinary, there's something for everyone at The Children's Museum over the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday Weekend. The Children's Museum is located at 950 Trout Brook Drive, West Hartford.

Saturday, January 14 brings the opening of a new pre-historic experience: *Dinosaurs Alive—Jurassic Treehouse*. An immersive experience awaits children and parents alike as they walk through dramatic multimedia scenarios featuring animatronic dinosaur families of various species including Stegosaurus, T-Rex, Parasaurolophus and Apatosaurus. Children get a Pterodactyl's eye view of these prehistoric families as they make their way through the Jurassic Treehouse overlooking the dinosaurs. The exhibit will run through the end of May and is included in general admission.

How did technology look in the past? Remember rotary phones and ham radios? **Old School Sunday on January 15** is the latest offering in The Children's Museum's Family Science Sunday series. Among the fun demonstrations and activities, visitors can

- Check out 19th century gadgets from The Mark Twain House and artifacts from the CT Historical Society and Noah Webster House;
- Experience colonial era education with Old Sturbridge Village;
- Play with retro toys from the Noah Webster House;
- Examine old school technology: rotary phones, phonographs, the stomach churning history of airplane travel and more; and
- See what used to be the cutting edge of video games and movie special effects.

Old School Sunday activities are free with general admission thanks to a generous grant from the Northeast Utilities Foundation/CL&P and will run from 11:00 AM to closing time at 4:00 PM.

Monday's Vacation Science program theme is Lords and Ladies of the Science Lab. Kids in grades 1 through 5 can discover the science behind medieval times, explore the amazing architecture of castles and launch themselves into a catapult challenge. The program runs from 9:00am-4:00 pm on Monday, January 16. Cost is \$60 for members of The Children's Museum/Roaring Brook Nature Center and \$70 for non-members. Pre-registration is required. To learn more or register call 860.231.2830 x44, email events@thechildrensmuseumct.org or register on our website.

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 and Children's Museum Preschool are 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.

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