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Earth Day Exploration, Real Live Scientists, Touchable Sea Creatures, Bubblemania, Magnetic Levitation

“An Incredible Family Science Sunday Line-Up”

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (April 12, 2012) – It's not your typical Sunday at The Children's Museum, it's Family Science Sunday, a special monthly program running through August. Each Family Science Sunday features unique and exciting science activities for the entire family. All activities are free with museum admission.

Grab your calendar. Here's the line-up:

On April 22, Celebrate Earth Day in Style! You'll receive free flower pots for painting and planting. We even include the soil and seeds! Dig into crafting seed balls to take home and hands-on experiments making recycled paper, testing energy efficiency and alternative energy sources with a model wind turbine, and even making electricity with bacteria. You'll also explore the role of bees and turtles in the environment.

On May 20, it's a Science Fair with Real Live Scientists! These scientists, including a water quality tester, doctor, vaccine maker, nuclear engineer, and ornithologist, will show you their very own projects and help you with actual experiments. You get to vote for the Science Fair winner. Plus, The Children's Museum invites you to try our own science project: strange experiments with Light Emitting Diodes.

On June 17th, Explore the Oceans. On Father's Day, reach for the beach. The Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk is bringing live, touchable sea critters, and we'll have presentations by the educators from the Mystic Aquarium. Learn about whales with The Cetacean Society International, the group that built TCM's beloved Conny the Whale. We'll raffle off a whale watching boat trip and you can examine our collection of shells, bones, sea artifacts and sand from around the world. We'll do dissection demos with squid and experiments with knot-tying and model boat building.

On July 15, one word... Bubbles! Plan on lots and lots of hands-on bubble experiments and Casey Carle of Bubblemania will perform! Casey is renowned with children of all ages for creating a magical world of bubbles. And he does a fantastic job of explaining the science behind it! Bubbles are full of fun, and full of scientific questions. Are they always round? Can they stretch? How big can they get? And what happens when they get very cold? Come be astounded by Casey Carle and learn about bubbles at the same time!

On August 19, Plan to Get Supercold! This day will feature demonstrations with cold stuff – liquid nitrogen and dry ice. These substances do truly spectacular things: enormous explosions of fog and suds, shrinking metal, magnetic levitation, bizarre color changes, and much more. The other big bonus this day: free ice cream! We give it away after making it ourselves with liquid nitrogen!

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The Children's Museum features over 100 live animals, including the now famous Fennec foxes, hands-on science exhibits, out-of-this-world digital planetarium shows, and programs for younger children and families. The Children's Museum and Roaring Brook Nature Center are the region's premiere destinations for science and nature exploration.

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.

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