



## The Children's Museum Celebrates Astronomy Day 2016 with a Starry Safari

WEST HARTFORD, Conn (April 18, 2016) –The Children's Museum in West Hartford, Connecticut will celebrate National Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 14, 2016 with special activities and programs that bring astronomy to even the youngest astronomers.

On May 14th, visitors will explore the universe on a "Starry Safari"! Activities include hunting moon phases, trailing shadows, connecting animals in the Wildlife Sanctuary with their constellation counterparts, story time reading safari, and "camping out under the stars" in the planetarium. Weather permitting, outdoor activities include stalking the Sun safely (solar viewing) and making yourself into a constellation. The starry safari activities are designed for young children and families.

With the exception of planetarium shows, all Astronomy Day activities are included with general admission on Astronomy Day. Museum hours on Astronomy Day are 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Admission to The Children's Museum is \$14.75 for adults, \$13.75 for seniors (63+), \$13.75 for children (2-12) and free for children under age 2.

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).

For questions about Astronomy Day, please contact Noreen Grice (Planetarium Manager) at 860-231-2824 x400 or email [ngrice@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:ngrice@thechildrensmuseumct.org).

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