



## The Children's Museum Celebrates Astronomy Day 2017 with Rocks from Outer Space!

WEST HARTFORD, CT (May 1, 2017) –The Children's Museum in West Hartford will celebrate National Astronomy Day on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Families and children will have the opportunity to see and touch moon rocks as well as meteorites and other lunar samples! The day will be filled with special activities and programs that bring astronomy to even the youngest astronomers.

This year's theme is "Over the Moon." Visitors will get a chance to explore the Moon through moon-related planetarium shows, hands-on activities, and a live tour of the night sky that includes information about the upcoming August eclipse where the Moon passes in front of the Sun. The highlight of the day is a special program in the planetarium at 11:30 a.m. called "Moon Rocks Live!" During this program visitors will learn about the Moon from CREC Discovery Academy students and have the opportunity to touch a national treasure; real rocks brought back from astronauts who visited the Moon!



With the exception of planetarium shows, all Astronomy Day activities are included with general admission on Astronomy Day. Museum hours on Astronomy Day are 9:00a.m. – 4:00 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.

### About The Children's Museum

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 more information on sponsoring an educational exhibit or program at The Children's Museum or Roaring Brook Nature Center, please contact Renee Hartshorn at [rhartshorn@thechildrensmuseumct.org](mailto:rhartshorn@thechildrensmuseumct.org) or (860) 231-2830 x230.

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