



Where Science and Nature Are Fun



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Take a trip to the technology of our past on Old School Sunday

West Hartford, CT., December 7, 2011— From rotary phones to ham radio to 18th century toys, you'll learn all about the technology of our past on Old School Sunday, from 11:00am-4:00 pm at The Children's Museum.

Among the activities and demonstrations for Old School Sunday are:

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

Old School 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. For Old School Sunday we are partnering with public libraries from eight priority school districts.

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.