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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER PROUDLY PRESENTS THE GEEK OUT GALA

SCIENCE CENTER'S SIGNATURE EVENT CELEBRATES SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND CREATIVITY

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 12, 2023 – <u>Carnegie Science Center</u>'s <u>Geek Out Gala</u> event is set for Thurs., Oct. 5. The evening event, set behind the picturesque backdrop of Pittsburgh's riverfront, promises to be an evening of wonder and innovation, and is a key fundraiser for Carnegie Science Center's efforts to provide accessible and relevant programming that inspires students to pursue careers in STEM fields.

The Oct. 5 event will be a feast for the senses, enchanting guests with culinary delights, signature cocktails, and live music. However, the real essence of the Geek Out Gala extends beyond a memorable evening. It carries a deeper purpose of empowering the next generation of world-class STEM leaders through Carnegie Science Center's Center for STEM Education and Career Development. Every ticket sold will be directly invested in their future.

"We are grateful for our sponsors' and Host Committee's support in making the Geek Out Gala at Carnegie Science Center a success," said Jason Brown, Henry Buhl, Jr., Director of Carnegie Science Center. "Their dedication to advancing science, technology, and education is commendable and their partnership has empowered us to inspire the minds of tomorrow's world-class STEM leaders."

Tickets can be purchased online at <u>GeekOutGala.org</u>. Ticket options include a VIP experience, General Admission, and a special rate for non-profit organizations and young professionals.

"It's going to be a fantastic night of celebration and innovation," concluded Brown. "Let's light up the night and celebrate the bright future of STEM education."

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Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

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Please note that requests for accommodations should be made at least two weeks prior to your visit. For specific questions about wheelchairs, strollers, or other programmatic or equipment needs, see the ticket counter located on the first floor of the main building or contact Customer Service at 412.237.1641 or info@carnegiesciencecenter.org. Please contact Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh's Accessibility Coordinator with concerns regarding accessibility for visitors with disabilities at the museums. On weekdays, call 412.622.6578 or email accessibility@carnegiemuseums.org.

About Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh

Founded by Andrew Carnegie in 1895, <u>Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh</u> is a family of four dynamic, distinctive museums: Carnegie Museum of Art, Carnegie Museum of Natural History, Carnegie Science Center, and The Andy Warhol Museum. The museums reach 1.5 million people a year through exhibitions, educational programs, outreach activities, and special events.

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