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Welcome Fall with a Night Under the Stars on Sat., Sept. 23

Enjoy a featured planetarium performance and a rooftop observation session, weather permitting, at Carnegie Science Center's SkyWatch.



PITTSBURGH, **Sept. 15**, **2023** – Celebrate the autumnal equinox with a feature presentation in the Buhl Planetarium and Observatory and rooftop stargazing (weather permitting) on Sat., Sept. 23 from 9–11 pm at Carnegie Science Center's SkyWatch, presented by PPG.

The night begins with a cosmic journey through Pittsburgh's night sky in breathtaking True8K projection in Buhl Planetarium. After the show, visitors can put what they have learned in the featured planetarium show to the test at the Science Center's rooftop observatory, weather permitting.

If it is raining, the event will be an entirely indoor experience. Rain or shine, staff will lead visitors through an extended and expanded tour of the universe in the Planetarium from 10–11 pm.

"SkyWatch gives visitors the best of both astronomical worlds through experiences under the dome in Buhl Planetarium and under the stars in Buhl Observatory," Jason Brown, Henry Buhl, Jr., Director of Carnegie Science Center said. "Expert staff assist you in stargazing and are available to answer questions throughout the night."

The event additionally features a suite of indoor astronomical experiences and activities.

Doors open at 9 pm. SkyWatch tickets are \$10 for Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh Members and \$12 for nonmembers. Advanced registration is encouraged.

Visit CarnegieScienceCeneter.org to learn more and purchase tickets.

Carnegie Science Center

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.

Accessibility: Features for All

Carnegie Science Center welcomes all visitors. We work to assist visitors with disabilities in obtaining reasonable and appropriate accommodations, and in supporting equal access to services, programs, and activities. We welcome visitors in wheelchairs on the deck of our USS Requin (SS 481) submarine. Below-deck visits require full mobility. Hearing assistance devices are available for The Rangos Giant Cinema. Please ask when you buy your ticket.

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 412.237.3400 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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