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History Center to Host Smithsonian Curator for Behind-the-Scenes Look at Destination Moon Exhibit

- Dr. Michael Neufeld will lead a deep-dive tour of the Smithsonian’s Destination Moon exhibition followed by a presentation on his work at the National Air and Space Museum -


Dr. Neufeld is the senior curator of space history at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., and lead curator for the traveling Destination Moon exhibit that is on display at the History Center through Feb. 18, 2019.

Beginning at 1 p.m., Dr. Neufeld will share insights into his work at the National Air and Space Museum and his research on the Apollo program, explore the process of creating the Destination Moon exhibit, and discuss how America made history by putting a man on the Moon in 1969.

Developed by the National Air and Space Museum and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), Destination Moon explores the Apollo 11 Moon landing mission through more than 100 one-of-a-kind artifacts, including mission-flown objects used by the Apollo 11 crew. The exhibit features a once-in-a-lifetime chance to see a national treasure in Pittsburgh – the Command Module Columbia.

Admission for the afternoon’s program is $18 for adults and $9 for kids ages 6-17, which includes access to the History Center’s six floors of exhibits. Please register online at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events.

Special Add-On Deep-Dive Tour

Ahead of the afternoon’s presentation, a limited number of spots are available for an exclusive Deep-Dive Tour of the Destination Moon exhibit beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Attendees will join Dr. Neufeld and History Center curator Emily Ruby for a one-hour tour of the exhibit, focusing on the history of the Apollo 11 program and Western Pennsylvania’s many contributions to the space race.

Pre-registration at www.heinzhistorycenter.org/events and an additional $10 fee for this tour are required. Deep-Dive Tour attendees are invited to explore the History Center’s six floors of exhibits before the 1 p.m. program begins and can take advantage of the History Center’s Café.
The Senator John Heinz History Center, an affiliate of the Smithsonian Institution and the largest history museum in Pennsylvania, presents American history with a Western Pennsylvania connection. The Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum is a museum within a museum, comprehensively presenting the region's remarkable sports story through hundreds of artifacts and interactive experiences for visitors of all ages. The History Center and Sports Museum are located at 1212 Smallman Street in the city's Strip District, and are open every day from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The History Center's museum system includes the Sports Museum; the Fort Pitt Museum in historic Point State Park; and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, a National Historic Landmark located in Avella, Pa. in Washington County. More information is available at www.heinzhistorycenter.org.

On Dec. 9, the Heinz History Center will host Smithsonian curator Dr. Michael Neufeld for a deep-dive tour of the Smithsonian’s Destination Moon exhibition followed by a presentation on his work at the National Air and Space Museum.
Dr. Michael Neufeld, senior curator of space history at the Smithsonian’s National Air and Space Museum and lead curator for the traveling *Destination Moon* exhibit, will lead a special tour and presentation at the Heinz History Center on Dec. 9.

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