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## **Interstellar Family Fun: History Center to Host Destination Moon Family Day**

**- Kids age 17 and under get in FREE for Destination Moon Family Day: All Things Armstrong on Jan. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. -**

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 31, 2018 – In honor of the Smithsonian’s *Destination Moon* exhibition, the Senator John Heinz History Center will host **Destination Moon Family Day: All Things Armstrong** on **Saturday, Jan. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Families can learn about astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first human to walk on the Moon, and life in zero-G with visiting experts from the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio, during a special program beginning at 11 a.m.

Astronauts of all ages can create a mission patch, build a mini command module and watch it take flight from the museum’s second-floor balcony, enjoy a mobile planetarium show, take a selfie on the Moon, and explore the Smithsonian’s *Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission* exhibit.

Developed by the National Air and Space Museum and the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), *Destination Moon* takes visitors on an in-depth exploration of the Apollo 11 mission. The exhibit features a national treasure – the Command Module *Columbia* – along with more than 100 one-of-a-kind artifacts, including Buzz Aldrin’s helmet and gloves, a Moon rock, and the Apollo 11 crew’s survival kit.

Admission to this Destination Moon Family Day is **FREE** for kids 17 and under between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Regular museum admission applies for adults: \$18 for adults, \$15 for seniors (62+), and \$2 off admission for active duty and retired military.

The next Destination Moon Family Day will take place on Saturday, Feb. 9, with a focus on women in space.

**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](http://www.heinzhistorycenter.org).



On Jan. 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., astronauts of all ages can enjoy out-of-this-world fun at the Heinz History Center during its Destination Moon Family Day: All Things Armstrong. Kids 17 and under get in free! (Photo by James Kegley)



Kids 17 and under receive free admission to the Heinz History Center on Saturday, Jan. 5 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. for Destination Moon Family Day: All Things Armstrong. (Photo by James Kegley)

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