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History Center, Astrobotic to Send Token from Kennywood Park to the Moon

- The #MoonBox campaign celebrates the final weekend of the History Center's Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission exhibition, which runs through Feb. 18 -

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 15, 2019 – The results are in and more than 20,000 votes from Western Pennsylvania (and beyond!) were cast as part of the Senator John Heinz History Center's #MoonBox campaign to choose a piece of Pittsburgh culture to send to the Moon. The Smithsonian-affiliated History Center partnered with Pittsburgh-based space robotics company Astrobotic on the campaign, which celebrates the final weekend of the museum's **Destination Moon: The Apollo 11 Mission** exhibition.

With more than 51 percent of the vote, a **token from Kennywood Park** will be sent 240,000 miles to the lunar surface through Astrobotic's MoonBox program as part of the first commercial Moon landing in 2021.

"We're over the Moon about the opportunity to represent Pittsburgh in outer space, and we thank the History Center and Astrobotic for making this happen!" said Kennywood General Manager Jerome Gibas. "This Kennywood token doesn't have an expiration date, so if it ever makes its way back to Earth, it can be used to buy some of our world-famous Potato Patch fries!"

Astrobotic's Peregrine lunar lander that will deliver the first commercial payload to the Moon is on display in the History Center's **Destination Moon** exhibit, which will close following Presidents Day weekend.

A micro SD card with the theme song to "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" checked in at second place with 14 percent of the vote, followed closely by a teeny tiny Smiley Cookie – the result of a successful write-in campaign led by Eat 'n' Park – with 9 percent of the vote.

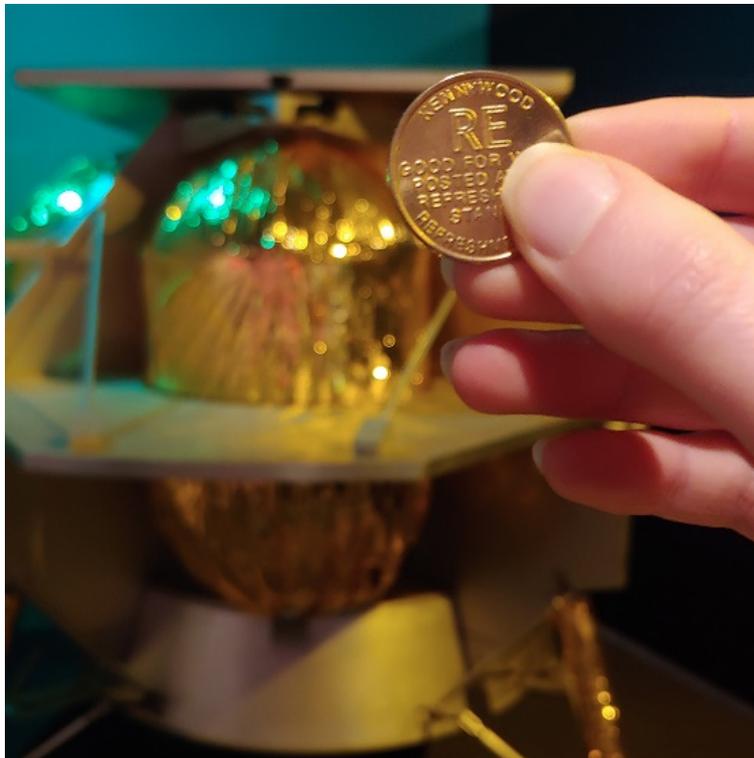
Pittsburghers chose from a list of Pittsburgh keepsakes that also included a Heinz pickle pin, soil from Moon Park in Moon Township, a piece of a Pittsburgh Steelers Terrible Towel, a photo of Toni Haggerty of Primanti Bros., and a City of Pittsburgh flag pin.

The **Destination Moon** exhibit at the History Center will run through Monday, Feb. 18, 2019.

Astrobotic Technology, Inc. is a space robotics company that seeks to make space accessible to the world. The company's lunar lander, Peregrine, delivers payloads to the Moon for companies, governments, universities, non-profits, and individuals at an industry-defining price of \$1.2 million per kilogram. The company is also developing advanced space robotics capabilities such as terrain relative navigation, mobile robotics for lunar surface operations, and

reliable computing systems for mission-critical applications. Astrobotic has more than 30 prior and ongoing NASA and commercial technology contracts, a commercial partnership with Airbus DS, a corporate sponsorship with DHL, and 12 signed deals for Peregrine's first mission to the Moon. The company is also an official partner with NASA through the Lunar CATALYST Program. Astrobotic was founded in 2007 and is headquartered in Pittsburgh, PA.

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.





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