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Rejoice with the
Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum's
Winter SunFest

Rejoice at the arrival of winter and the holiday season, and celebrate with the Adler Planetarium and Astronomy Museum's annual **Winter SunFest** on December 15th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

Prepare to experience a phenomenon in the heavens as the Adler's Education staff and Astronomers celebrate the coming of the Winter Solstice, experience the power of our Sun with special **Winter SunFest** activities, including making star finders to learn about the bright winter constellations, safely viewing the Sun through telescopes (weather permitting), creating ultraviolet-sensitive bead bracelets, and learning about the equinoxes, solstices, and the Sun as we showcase our Giant Armillary Sphere. Children's give-aways will include Adler and "Solar Storms" temporary tattoos.

While at the Adler, travel back in time to discover the story behind the fabled "Star of Bethlehem." Was it an exploding star, a brilliant comet, or an unusual grouping of the planets? Explore what scientists theorize the Magi witnessed in the sky of their homeland that prompted them to travel to Bethlehem. "Star of Wonder", Adler's holiday sky show, carefully examines these theories and comes to a surprising and dramatic conclusion that is based on ancient astronomical records and modern computer calculations of planet positions. "Star of Wonder" has become a tradition for many families who return each year to experience the remarkable story of the Magi and gaze in wonder at the skies that shone over Bethlehem long ago.

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Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum hours:

9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closed Thanksgiving and Christmas

On the first Friday of each month the Adler offers special programs with extended hours from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Admission:

Ultimate Universe Adventure is \$15.00 for adults and \$14.00 for children 4 – 17 and senior citizens over age 65.

This package includes admission and the choice of two sky shows.

Galaxy Passport is \$10.00 for adults and \$9.00 for children 4 – 17 and senior citizens over age 65.

This package includes admission and choice of sky shows. Each additional sky show is \$5.00.

The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum is the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. Its astronomy programs have reached over 35 million people during the past 71 years. Seven state-of-the-art exhibition galleries located in the stunning new Sky Pavilion and the recently renovated landmark 1930s building present modern space exploration along with the history of astronomy. The world's first StarRider™ Theater, the most technologically advanced, audience-interactive planetarium, fuels the imagination of visitors during virtual flights through the cosmos. With a staff of over 200, the Adler pursues its mission to present the human quest to better understand the universe. Adler scientists and historians, who hold joint appointments at the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, are working at the forefront of research in astronomy and its fascinating history. The Adler is leading the way into the new "Space Millennium."

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