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ADLER PLANETARIUM & ASTRONOMY MUSEUM SETS NEW HOLIDAY HOURS

The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy sets special hours throughout the holiday season in order to give visitors extended time to visit and enjoy the museum.

Holiday Schedule

Thanksgiving: Closed
November 23 – 25: 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Christmas Eve: closed
Christmas Day: closed
December 26 –30: 9:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
December 31: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
January 1, 2002: 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Don't miss these holiday activities for families:

Star of Wonder Sky Show

November 23, 2001 – January 6, 2002

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

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scientists theorize the Magi witnessed in the sky of their homeland that prompted them to travel to Bethlehem. "Star of Wonder" 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. The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum's enduring holiday sky show "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.

A Weekend with the Zula Patrol

November 23 & 24, 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Celebrate science education for children! Join the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum and members of the Zula Patrol in two fun-filled days of space travel. The Adler will premier two new videos chronicling the adventures of the Zula Patrol. The Zula Patrol, created by Deb Manchester, is a children's series designed to introduce space science education while teaching tolerance to children ages 5 to 12. Along with the new videos the Adler's education staff will be presenting interactive activities to children of all ages!

Winter SunFest

December 15th, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

Rejoice at the arrival of winter and the holiday season, and celebrate with the Adler's **Winter SunFest**. Experience the power of our Sun with special 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.

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Special Temporary Exhibits

Tracing the Constellations through History

Through January 13, 2002

Throughout history maps of the stars have been created to portray the geography of the heavens and for use in practical applications. The exhibit is drawn from the Adler's nearly complete collection of major celestial charts published in the western world from the late 1400s through the 1900s.

Space Weather Center

Through December 31, 2001

Developed by the Space Science Institute (SSI) in partnership with NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, the Space Weather Center incorporates interactive, video stations,

computers, stunning graphic and near real-time results from NASA spacecraft to inform visitors about Solar Cycles, Solar Maximum and Earth's magnetic field changes associated with space weather.

New StarRider™ Theater Show ***Solar Storms***

The Sun's far-reaching influence on the Earth and its diverse life forms has continued for over four billion years. In this dramatic new StarRider show, you will travel to our nearest star, plunge deep into a sunspot, and then emerge to experience the awesome power of solar flares. You will discover the Sun's surprising impact on several aspects of our daily lives: from the awesome beauty of the Northern Lights to blackouts of electrical

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power grids and interruptions of satellite-based communications. Don't miss the excitement of *Solar Storms*. **Open run**

Regular Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum hours:

9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

Regular 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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