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HALLOWEEN "SPOOKTACULAR" HAUNTS ADLER PLANETARIUM & ASTRONOMY MUSEUM

Come ghosties, ghoulies and scary beasties to celebrate the first ever **Haunted Planetarium** at the Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum on Saturday, October 26, 2002 from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Children are encouraged to get into the "spirit" of the occasion and come dressed in their favorite Halloween costumes to go **Trick or Treating** throughout the building for cool Halloween toys & trinkets. Experience "**Night Walk**," a 5-minute Halloween show after all "Journey to Infinity" StarRider™ Theater presentations. Other activities include: **Night Sky Pumpkin Carving Demonstrations**, **Monster Sky Tales**, featuring Perseus & the Creepy Sea Monster, The Fifth Sun, and Werewolves & Moon Phases, hair-raising **Mad Scientist Demonstrations**, and **Halloween Card Block Printing**, a great take-home activity. There may even be a ghost or two lurking among the Adler's galleries. All Halloween activities are free with paid building admission.

A frighteningly good time will be had by all!!!

And...don't miss

Far Out Fridays

November 1 and December 6

5:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Enjoy the spectacle of the starry sky as you experience Far Out Fridays at the Adler! Scope out the many family activities on the first Friday of every month from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. including telescope viewing, shows in the historic Sky Theater and the world's first StarRider™ Theater, live lectures by Adler astronomers, hands-on activities, special

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demonstrations, and Doane Observatory tours. Far Out Fridays are \$15.00 for adults, \$12.00 for children/senior citizens, \$5.00 Adler Members. A Family Star Pack is four for \$45.00 (2 adults/ 2 children or 1 adult/ 3 children). Far Out Fridays are generously sponsored by Food For Thought Management Group.

General Information

Hours

September 3-December 24

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat-Sun 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Special Holiday Hours:

Friday, November 29,

Thursday, December 26-

Sunday, January 5, 2003 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Normal schedule resumes:

Monday, January 6, 2003

Monday-Friday 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sat-Sun 9:00 a.m. - 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 \$18.00 for adults,

\$17.00 for seniors 65 and older and

\$16.00 for children 4 - 17. This package includes admission and the choice of two sky shows.

Galaxy Passport is \$13.00 for adults, \$12.00 for seniors 65 and older and \$11.00 for children 4 - 17. This package includes admission and choice of one sky show.

Chicago residents receive discounted admission.

The Adler Planetarium & Astronomy Museum is the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere. Its astronomy programs have reached over 40 million people during the past 72 years. Ten state-of-the-art exhibition galleries located in the glass-enclosed Sky Pavilion and the 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 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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