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## MEDIA ADVISORY

### **ADLER PLANETARIUM CELEBRATES THE RETURN OF SPACE SHUTTLE DISCOVERY WITH RETURN TO FLIGHT ACTIVITIES TODAY!**

NASA's **Return to Flight**, the first shuttle mission since 2003, returned safely this morning on **Tuesday, August 9**. Celebrate the return of the Space Shuttle Discovery and the completion of the historic Return to Flight mission at the Adler Planetarium! Space flight activities will take place throughout the afternoon, including a Q&A session with Adler astronomers, Space Shuttle activities for kids and continuous footage of the mission in the Adler's CyberSpace Gallery. All activities are free to the public with paid general museum admission.

**EVENT: Return of Space Shuttle Discovery Celebration– FREE with paid museum admission**

**DATE: TODAY - Tuesday, August 9**

#### **ACTIVITIES:**

- **Shuttle & Space Science updates with Adler astronomers**
- **Space Shuttle Floor Activities for Kids**
- **Footage of the Shuttle landing - running all day in CyberSpace Gallery**

**TIME: 11 am, 1 pm & 3 pm - Shuttle & Space Science updates with Adler astronomers**  
**Noon, 2 pm & 4 pm - Space Shuttle Floor Activities**

**PLACE: Adler Planetarium - 1300 South Lake Shore Drive – Media enter at South Box Office**

#### **RETURN TO FLIGHT:**

Return to Flight, the first shuttle mission since 2003, returned safely this morning on **Tuesday, August 9**. The historic Return to Flight mission was led by Shuttle Commander Eileen Collins, the first woman Space Shuttle pilot, and the first and only woman in history to command a shuttle mission. Return to Flight launches a new era of NASA space exploration. The mission is the first step in NASA's new Vision for Space Exploration, which includes traveling to the Moon by 2015 and continued exploration of outer space.

#### **ADLER STATEMENT ABOUT SUCCESSFUL STS-114 SHUTTLE LANDING:**

"The Adler Planetarium congratulates NASA and the crew of the Shuttle Discovery on the completion of STS-114, the historic *Return to Flight*. We applaud Commander Eileen Collins and her crew on this important accomplishment.

Space exploration is a matter of national pride. The successful completion of this mission makes possible a new era of discoveries in space. This is an exciting moment for our national space agency and its partners in the scientific community.

The Adler commends the international crew of Shuttle Discovery and the men and women of NASA for a successful *Return to Flight*."

**Paul H. Knappenberger Jr., PhD**  
**President**

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