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LAST CHANCE TO SEE THE LOST SPACECRAFT AT THE ADLER

Don't Miss the Lost Spacecraft Exhibit and the Star of Wonder Sky Show This Holiday Season

CHICAGO (December 1, 2005) – 'Tis the season to visit the Adler Planetarium, with exciting exhibits and revered holiday sky shows for the entire family. It's the last chance to see the **LOST SPACECRAFT**, which ends January 8, 2006, and to rediscover the story behind the Star of Bethlehem with the Adler's holiday show, *Star of Wonder* (also presented in Spanish), showing through January 6, 2006.

Don't miss your last chance to see LOST SPACECRAFT: Liberty Bell 7 Recovered. For 38 years, it was NASA's only lost spacecraft, but visitors can find Liberty Bell 7 at the Adler through January 8, 2006. As part of the Adler's 75th Anniversary, **LOST SPACECRAFT** is free to visitors with paid general admission.

LOST SPACECRAFT offers visitors the opportunity to experience astronaut training, learn about spacecraft technology, run through shuttle launch sequences and more. As part of the exhibit, visitors can train like an astronaut with the Centrifuge Test Facility – a "pod" that replicates a real space launch by spinning visitors up to two G-Forces. **LOST SPACECRAFT** is sponsored by ComEd and LaSalle Bank.

Also this holiday season, the Adler is proud to present *Star of Wonder* and *Estrella de Maravilla*, the Spanish-language version of *Star of Wonder*. The Adler's longest-running sky show and one of Chicago's favorite holiday offerings has become a tradition for many families who return each year to hear the remarkable story of the Magi – the Three Wise Men. Using the technology of the Zeiss projector, visitors are able to view a recreation of the skies that shone over Bethlehem 2,000 years ago.

Star of Wonder Show Times

Through January 6, 2006

Monday – Friday at 10:30 am, 12:30 pm & 2:30 pm

Saturday – Sunday at 12:30 pm, 2:30 pm & 4:30 pm

Please check with the box office at 312-922-STAR to confirm show times.

Estrella de Maravilla Show Times*

Through January 6, 2006

Monday – Friday at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

Saturday – Sunday at 10:30 am & 1:30 pm

Estrella de Maravilla is sponsored by LaSalle Bank.

Also on display, a new **Apollo 8 exhibit** that features the original flight manual from the mission nearly four decades ago. The manual is on loan to the Adler from **Captain James A. Lovell, Jr.**, who is currently serving as the Honorary Chairman of the Adler's 75th Anniversary.

On Christmas Eve 1968, Apollo 8 Astronauts Captain Lovell, Captain William Anders and Colonel Frank Borman, captivated millions of television viewers by beaming pictures of the Moon's surface while reading from the Bible's Book of Genesis. Original footage of this broadcast, as well as a reproduction of Captain Anders' historic photograph of the Earth rising over the Moon's horizon, and the original flight manual from which the astronauts read on Christmas Eve 1968, are included in the exhibit.

The Adler Planetarium is located at 1300 South Lake Shore Drive in Chicago and is open every day except for Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

For photos and additional information, please visit our website at www.adlerplanetarium.org.

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