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CHICAGO AREA WEATHER FACTS

The Zula Patrol couldn't ask for a better place to investigate weather on Earth than Chicago — the Windy City!

Grab your sunglasses, snow boots and umbrella and head down to the Adler Planetarium June 8 for the world premiere of this summer's hottest — and coldest, wettest and windiest — event in town! ***The Zula Patrol: Mission Weather*** exhibition and ***The Zula Patrol: Under the Weather*** space show, designed for children ages 3–8 years old, is scheduled to run at the Adler Planetarium through August 16, 2007.

Here are some fascinating facts about weather in the Windy City:

- Chicago's average yearly temperature is 59 degrees Fahrenheit. The average monthly temperature ranges from 22 degrees (January) to 74 degrees (July).
- The official highest temperature in Chicago was 105 degrees Fahrenheit, recorded on July 24, 1934.
- The record low temperature in Chicago was set on January 20, 1985 when the thermometer read –27 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Chicago's coldest winter was in 1976-1977 when the temperature remained below freezing for 43 consecutive days.
- Record snowfalls hit Chicago the winter of 1978-1979 when 89.7 inches of snow fell over a three-month period.
- The all-time record for the most snow accumulated during a single snowstorm is 23 inches. This storm occurred in 1967 between 5:02 a.m. January 26 and 10:10 a.m. January 27, virtually paralyzing the city for several days thereafter.
- Chicago has an average of 126 rainy days each year.
- The strongest wind gust recorded in Chicago was 87 mph and was measured in February of 1894.
- It has been reported that Chicago's windiest place is arguably the northeast corner of Jackson and Wabash. Other challengers for the windiest location include Michigan and Oak; Columbus and Randolph; and the IBM and Equitable Plazas.

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