

Join the Adler Planetarium for First Ever *Adler After Dark: Family Edition!*

CHICAGO – July 12, 2016 – The Adler Planetarium is excited to announce the first ever *Adler After Dark: Family Edition!* On Friday, August 5, from 6:30 – 10:30pm, the whole family is invited to experience why space is freaking awesome after-hours!

Like the 21+ version, *Adler After Dark: Family Edition* visitors will receive full access to all museum exhibitions, unlimited sky shows (including the Adler's newest sky show, *Planet Nine*), telescope viewing, and live entertainment! And unique to this event is the kiddie-cocktail bar (and adult version), all-ages hands-on, minds-on experiments, and special character visitors. This family-friendly event is the best way to see all the museum has to offer, so make it a family night out at *Adler After Dark: Family Edition!*

Program highlights include:

Zipline Challenge

Put on your engineering hat, explorers! Design and build a vehicle out of LEGO pieces that can deliver supplies to your base on an alien planet.

Whole-Body Sensory Station (weather dependent)

Use your eyes, fingers, and ears during a visual exploration of bubbles, a tactile experience using slime, and an auditory investigation of instruments.

Astro iSpy

Can you spy with your little eye some odd objects in the museum's collection? Go on a stellar scavenger hunt through the exhibits for your chance at a far-out prize!

Comet Creations

Learn more about these dirty space snowballs and make your own out of craft materials.

Storytime with Curious George!

Go on an outer space adventure with your favorite monkey, Curious George, at this interactive storytime experience!

Telescope Viewing (weather dependent)

Get up close and personal with some celestial targets in tonight's sky using a telescope. Or, visit the largest public telescope in the Chicago area—the Doane Observatory.

501st Stormtrooper Legion

The Galactic Empire has invaded *Adler After Dark!* Take a photo with a Storm Trooper or Darth Vader himself (no Rebels allowed).

littleBits

Try your hand at building an "inchworm" robot and other fun bot challenges with littleBits, a simple electronic building block system with almost limitless possibilities.

Bit Space Chicago

Design and build something cool with real tools, courtesy of our friends from Bit Space!

GEMS World Academy

GEMS World Academy-Chicago encourages young learners to take risks through student-led discoveries and hands-on projects. Make your own "Galaxy Milk" by adding drops of food coloring and dish soap to milk, creating a colorful, swirling "galaxy" effect.

Inspire Girls Academy

Learn how to support your child's natural inquiry through hands-on activities like popsicle catapults and straw rockets!

Cosmic Face Painting

Get your face painted with a shooting star, a planet, and more!

To learn more and purchase tickets, please visit: <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/events/adler-dark-family-edition>

About the Adler Planetarium:

The Adler Planetarium—America's First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, over 550,000 visitors experience the museum's interactive exhibitions, live planetarium shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians, and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with us.