

Join The Adler Planetarium For The Most Wonderful Time Of The Year!

*Spend The Holiday Season At The Adler With
Special Activities, Sky Shows, And Events!*

CHICAGO – December 7, 2015 – This holiday season, the Adler Planetarium is making our corner of the Universe a little merrier with a variety of seasonal activities, sky shows and special events.

World's Largest Snow Globe

The holiday celebration at the Adler kicked off last week with the return of the *World's Largest Snow Globe* inside the Grainger Sky Theater. After enjoying an original Adler sky show like *Cosmic Wonder* or *Destination Solar System*, stick around to tour the city from inside our magical "snow globe." You'll be whisked around Chicago and see famous landmarks in their holiday finery. The *World's Largest Snow Globe* will be available to visitors through January 3.

Milestones in Space Exploration

December marks the 50th anniversary of Gemini 7—the first space flight for NASA astronaut Captain James A. Lovell, Jr. He and Frank Borman spent 12 days aboard the small Gemini 7 spacecraft in 1965. Visit *Mission Moon* to learn about this historic journey. December is also the anniversary of humanity's final steps on the Moon during the Apollo 17 mission. Join us for an exclusive screening of the new documentary film *The Last Man on the Moon* on December 12 and 19.

International Snow Station

For the youngest explorers, *Planet Explorers* will be decorated to celebrate the holidays from Earth to Planet X. Join us on Mondays for *Young Explorers Mondays*, a special day dedicated to kids under 6 and their families. Learn how astronauts serving on the International Space Station bring a bit of holiday joy to space! The experience will open to visitors beginning December 11.

Short Days, Long Nights

December 21 is the Winter Solstice, which marks the shortest day and longest night of the year! The Adler will be hosting a day of observing in the Doane Observatory, from 1-7pm (weather permitting). Guests will have the opportunity to view the Sun, the Moon, and potentially planets. This event is free to the public and will be staffed by Adler Astronomers who can answer all your winter sky questions.

Collections Exploration Days

On December 16 and 22, learn why winter is so cold and how humans have kept track of the seasons throughout history by exploring astronomy artifacts with the Adler's collections team! On December 16, the team will bring rare artifacts out of the vault. On December 22 visitors will be able to attend gallery talks in *Astronomy in Culture* led by Adler curator Pedro M. P. Raposo, DPhil, at 11:00 am and 2:30 pm.

About the Adler:

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, nearly 500,000 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.