

MISSION MOON

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Exhibit Fact Sheet

EXHIBIT TITLE

Mission Moon

OPENING

April 11, 2015

EXHIBIT DETAILS

Mission Moon provides audiences with an exciting, interactive and educational opportunity to relive America's first steps into space. The exhibit humanizes America's space exploration by telling the story through the life of legendary NASA Astronaut, Captain James A. Lovell, Jr.

Upon entry into the exhibit, visitors are introduced to Captain Lovell's life-long desire to work with rockets through a variety of artifacts including his childhood desk, a letter he wrote to the American Rocket Association and his rejection letter from NASA. Visitors are even encouraged to build and launch their own rocket—the first of many hands-on experiences within the exhibit

As the exhibit continues, a poignant quote from John F. Kennedy draws people in where they can view Captain Lovell's acceptance letter from NASA and enter the mission control room—an area where Captain Lovell spent several missions ensuring the safety of the astronauts in space.

While in mission control, visitors are encouraged to operate the interactive control consoles while recorded sound bytes transport them back in time. Guests will also learn about all of NASA's Gemini space missions, view Gemini artifacts and examine the inside of the actual Gemini 12 spacecraft, close quarters where Captain Lovell and Buzz Aldrin spent four days together.

Continuing on, visitors enter into NASA's Apollo era starting with the tragic Apollo 1 fire that killed three astronauts during the testing stages. Soon thereafter they can observe the lunar map and flight plan from Apollo 8, which was Lovell's third flight and the first manned mission to orbit the moon.

After orbiting the moon, NASA was ready to take the next step in their space exploration efforts and land on the moon. Visitors have the opportunity to travel to the moon on Apollo 11, where they can take pictures with the American flag and Commander Neil Armstrong.

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When visitors return from the moon, they enter into the Apollo 13 crisis room. Here, they will engineer solutions to heroically bring crews of astronauts back to Earth and view artifacts including Captain Lovell's space suit, a communication device NASA supplied for the families of their astronauts called a "squawk box" and the manual with the torn off cover that was used to save the Apollo 13 crew.

To finish the exhibit, visitors can explore the moon on our Moon Wall, view a real piece of moon rock and appreciate NASA's advancements since Captain James A. Lovell, Jr. left the organization in 1973.

LOCATION

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ADMISSION

Mission Moon will be open daily and is available with the Adler's All Access Pass. The All Access Pass provides access to all exhibitions including Mission Moon starting on April 11, the Atwood Sphere Experience and your choice of unlimited shows. The All Access Pass is available for purchase on-site: \$29.95 for adults, \$27.95 for seniors/students with ID and \$24.95 for children (ages 3-11). For convenience, the Anytime All Access Pass can be purchased in advance online and can be used on any day: \$34.95 for adults and \$29.95 for children, (ages 3 – 11.) General admission (not including shows) is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors/students with ID and \$8 for children (ages 3-11). Chicago residents receive a \$2 discount on adult admission packages and a \$3 discount on child admission packages with proof of residency. Prices and packages are subject to change.

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