



Museum of Nature and Science

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PEROT MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE IS A PRIME TIME SPOT FOR SPRING GETAWAYS AND STAYCATIONS WITH GALACTIC SPACE EXHIBITION, SPRING BREAK FUN, SLEEPOVERS AND MORE

Blast off in the Journey to Space exhibition, explore the season through unique daily activities and extended hours, 3D films, Discovery Days, an adults-only night and more this spring

DALLAS (Feb. 21, 2018) – As winter wraps up, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science will ring in spring with oodles of seasonal fun for all ages. From an out-of-this-world exhibition that virtually thrusts humans into space (without leaving Earth), to an adults-only *Social Science*, architecture- and earth-themed *Discovery Days* plus Spring Break activities, the Perot Museum will feature adventures aplenty to satisfy a spring getaway or staycation.

A cosmic sensory experience is in store at the 10,000-square-foot *Journey to Space* traveling exhibition. Visitors can learn first-hand what it takes to work in the hostile environment of space and get the sensation of zero gravity inside two massive rotating simulations of the International Space Station *Destiny* module.

“Science is ever-changing, and we work hard to keep the experiences at the Perot Museum fresh, so what better time to come discover something new than spring?” said Dr. Linda Abraham-Silver, Eugene McDermott CEO of the Perot Museum. “Spring Break at the Perot Museum makes for a perfect vacation – or staycation destination – with daily activities, 3D films, *Discovery Days* and, of course, our incredible space exhibition. While everyday trips to space may not be that far off, in the meantime, *Journey to Space* is the next best thing.”

Details on all the spring happenings are below. And remember, save time and skip the lines by reserving tickets online at perotmuseum.org.

JOURNEY TO SPACE (through May 6, 2018). 3...2...1... Lift off for fun! What’s it like to live and work in space? How do astronauts sleep in a weightless environment, go to the bathroom in orbit and what effect does space travel have on their bodies? Presented in English and Spanish, *Journey to Space* is a hands-on adventure for all ages that takes guests as close to space as one can get from Earth. At 10,000 square feet, *Journey to Space* features two massive rotating labs that simulate what it looks and *feels* like to be on the International Space Station *Destiny* module. Visitors can launch a rocket, test gravity in a drop tower, sit on a space toilet, control a robotic arm, check out Neil Armstrong’s authentic gloves from his Apollo 11 mission and more. Plus, young cadets will have a *blast* at the space station activity area. The exhibition is presented locally by *Highland Capital Management* and requires a surcharge.

3D FILMS IN THE HOGLUND FOUNDATION THEATER, A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE. Don some 3D glasses, sit back and enjoy incredible science on the big screen. The Perot Museum’s spring film lineup includes *Dream Big 3D* (through May 24), *Hurricane 3D* (through May 24), and *Journey to Space 3D* (through May 6). To view film trailers and schedule, go to perotmuseum.org. *Films are presented locally by Primrose Schools.* Ticket prices below.

DISCOVERY DAYS. On the second Saturday of the month, family-fun *Discovery Days* feature exciting experiments, activities and performances with scientists, educators and artists throughout the Museum. On March 10, explore the process of coding and celebrate the versatile minicomputer Raspberry Pi’s birthday. Try your hand at coding a Raspberry Pi, turn everyday objects into a computer keyboard, learn how video games are made, and explore the concept of virtual reality at *Discovery Days: Coding*. Come back April 14 for *Discovery Days: Earth* and celebrate our planet with mineral testing experiments, energy efficient circuits, weather patterns and more. Free to members and included with general admission for non-members, *Discovery Days* take place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (with exclusive member access from 9-10 a.m.)

SOCIAL SCIENCE: FORMULATE. Who says cocktails and science don't mix? Math challenges, physics experiments and astronomy, plus pop-up performances and brews equate to serious grownup fun! Guests 21 and up can investigate the intriguing world of numbers while enjoying interactive activities, discussions, signature cocktails and food by Wolfgang Puck, music and more at *Social Science: Formulate* on April 27 from 7-11 p.m. Tickets, which sell out fast, are \$15 for members and \$25 for non-members. *Social Science* is presented by *Riveron Consulting* and supported by *Brown-Forman Corporation* and *Highland Capital Management*. Automotive sponsor is Park Place Dealerships. Please drink responsibly.

SLEEPOVERS. Don't snooze! Get your tickets for a Perot Museum sleepover now before they sell out. These overnight adventures give children ages 6-14 and their adult chaperones behind-the-scenes access to the Museum's 11 exhibit halls complete with exclusive demonstrations, hands-on discovery, a late-night snack, 3D film and light breakfast to round out the experience. Spring dates are March 16 (Video Game Science), April 13 (All-Boys Engineering) and May 5 (All-Girls STEM). Sleepovers are open to groups of all sizes – from a parent and child to entire organizations. Cost is \$45 per child and \$30 per adult chaperone.

SPRING BREAK. Staying in town during Spring Break? The Perot Museum has staycationers covered with daily all-about-space activities and extended hours. **Skip the line and reserve tickets online at perotmuseum.org.**

At select times during Spring Break, March 10-18, visitors can enjoy daily space-themed demonstrations, experiments and story times involving solar systems, sundials, space mission patches, bottle rockets and floating solar bags, to name a few. Plus, little ones ages 5 and under can enjoy constellation exploration crafts in the *Moody Family Children's Museum* daily until 3 p.m. *Check the website for detailed schedules. Activities are free to members and included with general admission for non-members.*

Highland Capital Management is the 2017-2018 Premier Partner of the Perot Museum.

HOURS. General hours of operation for the Perot Museum are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

SPRING BREAK HOURS. During Spring Break (March 10-17), the Museum will stay open daily with extended hours until 7 p.m. and member-only hours 9-10 a.m. Monday through Saturday and 10-11 a.m. on Sunday. The Museum will resume normal hours on Sunday, March 18.

TICKETS. Museum general admission is \$20 for adults (18-64), \$13 for youth (2-17) and \$14 for seniors (65+). Museum general admission is free for members. Children under 2 are always free. For a limited time, reserve your general admission tickets online and save \$2 per person. For groups of 10 or more, call for special rates at 214-428-5555 ext. 8. All prices are subject to change.

The Perot Museum is located at 2201 N. Field Street in Dallas, Texas. For parking information and other details, visit perotmuseum.org or call 214-428-5555.

NOTE: To obtain the news release, Perot Museum fact sheet, photos and more, please go to perotmuseum.org/press.

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About the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. *The top cultural attraction in Dallas/Fort Worth and a Michelin Green Guide three-star destination, the Perot Museum of Nature and Science is a nonprofit educational organization located in the heart of Dallas, Texas, with campuses in Victory Park and Fair Park. With a mission to inspire minds through nature and science, the Perot Museum delivers exciting, engaging and innovative visitor and outreach experiences through its education, exhibition, and research and collections programming for children, students, teachers, families and life-long learners. The 180,000-square-foot facility in Victory Park opened in December 2012 and is now recognized as the symbolic gateway to the Dallas Arts District. Future scientists, mathematicians and engineers will find inspiration and enlightenment through 11 permanent exhibit halls on five floors of public space; a children's museum; a state-of-the art traveling exhibition hall; and The Hoglund Foundation Theater, a National Geographic Experience. Designed by 2005 Pritzker Architecture Prize Laureate Thom Mayne and his firm Morphosis Architects, the Victory Park museum has been lauded for its artistry and sustainability. To learn more, please visit perotmuseum.org*

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