

CMOST Chronicles

The Children's Museum of Science and Technology

Fall 2007



The Zula Patrol Lands at CMOST

On Saturday, September 29th, The Zula Patrol lands at The Children's Museum of Science and Technology, with stalwart Captain Bula, brianiac Professor Multo, feisty hot-doggin' space pilot Zeeter, the amazing space pet Gorga, and twin flying companions Wizzy & Wigg . These lovable wacky characters will take us on a roller coaster fun ride across the Universe – as we discover all about weather in the process, both terrestrial and interplanetary in the general public premiere showing of “*The Zula Patrol – Under the Weather*” planetarium show.

Special Guest, Captain Bula, of The Zula Patrol, will be at CMOST from Noon to 4:00 pm that day to welcome all his friends to the new Zula Patrol planetarium show. Based on the popular PBS animated children's series and designed for children ages three to eight years old, *The Zula Patrol* teaches young explorers key science concepts as they encounter the strange and wild weather of planets — including ours.

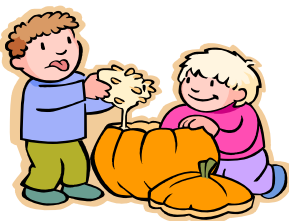
John Graydon Smith, CMOST President said, “The Zula Patrol – Under the Weather show is a perfect fit for CMOST. This planetarium show along with the WeatherFront Station and our new group program “Wonderful World of Weather”, offers a multi-dimensional approach to teaching younger children the science of weather.”

The Children's Museum of Science and Technology is proud to be working with WMHT in presenting The Zula Patrol to children in Tech Valley. The Zula Patrol television show can be seen on WHMT starting in September.



*CMOST
Members
Special
Premiere at
1:00 pm
Sept. 22nd & 23rd*

Special CMOST Programming!



Halloween Happening for Kids!

Wednesday, Oct. 31st
10 AM to 2 PM

Kids in Costume get in free!



2008 CMOST Membership Fees Announced

In order to match the rising cost of providing our cutting edge exhibits and programs, CMOST has made a very carefully researched decision to institute a modest price increase in some membership levels at The Museum.

Effective January 1, 2008, the annual membership rate for the Family level will to \$80 and the Grandparent level will increase to \$75. Members will also continue to be able utilize the “Add-A-Dome” pass to their membership for \$30. The best deal, the Family Explorer membership rate remains at \$120, and will still include the reciprocal benefit to over 300 science and technology centers around the world.

CMOST members who wish to renew early and lock in the 2007 membership rates for 2008, may do so by renewing their CMOST memberships by the close of business on December 31, 2007, at The Museum. If you have any questions concerning your membership please feel free to contact Laurie Miedema, Director of Member and Guest Relations at 518-235-2120 or at Lmiedema@cmost.org.

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A Letter from CMOST's President & CEO

Dear Friends,

Just as we did last September, CMOST will close down for a couple of weeks this Fall to do a little housekeeping and to add several new features to The Museum to make your membership even more valuable and to make your next visit even more exciting.

As you saw on the cover of this issue of CMOST Chronicles, our newest planetarium dome show will be opening later this month, first at a special sneak-preview for our members, and then at a great event on September 29, when visitors to CMOST can meet Zula's own Captain Bula. If you're a fan of The Zula Patrol TV show on PBS, you won't want to miss this opportunity and if you're not yet a fan, you will be after seeing "Under the Weather" at CMOST this Fall.

We've also added a large new component to our Hudson River and natural sciences programming in the space where our Mohican Indian exhibit used to be. While some of the old features are still here, both inside and out on our new Kline Plantasies Killitie nature trail, the new exhibit houses some of our favorite Hudson River animals, and allows us to bring new features in to The Museum through partnerships with other institutions like the State Museum. We're sure you'll love it!

There are also a number of smaller new exhibits and features to explore, discover, and imagine since our reopening, so please plan a visit soon and check out all we've added to keep you coming back time and time again. We continue to move forward on our Junior Science Lab exhibit too, so stay tuned for even more exciting new experiences to come!

Finally, for those of you who do utilize CMOST on a regular basis and have become members, please note that in 2008, the cost of some membership levels will be going up for the first time in CMOST's history. While our Family and Grandparent memberships will increase slightly to help us keep pace with the increased costs of adding new exhibits and programming, our best membership value, the Explorer Membership, will still be \$120 for the entire family. Please renew before December 31 to lock in your membership for another year at the old prices, or jump up to the Explorer Membership and experience the benefits of visiting other museums around the world as a reciprocal member.

Whether you're coming in to check out the new exhibits, enjoy the new planetarium shows, or to get a head start on Holiday shopping in our gift shop or membership desk, please plan a visit to CMOST soon. For an updated schedule of activities, visit www.CMOST.org to find out what we have going on each day and I'll hope to see you exploring, discovering, and imagining with us soon!

Sincerely,

John Graydon Smith
President and Chief Executive Officer

The Science of Harry Potter



The Physics of Baseball

If you like what you see
at CMOST,
please support us by
contributing to our
Annual Appeal –
in mailboxes this Fall!



Summer Camp at CMOST!





What's New at CMOST!

Enhancements made to The Hudson River exhibit

In September CMOST unveils its new interactive Hudson River Interpretive Center as part of the enhancement of The Hudson River exhibit area. This new Interactive center allow kids and their families to have hands-on fun all while enjoying The Hudson River experience, including live animals and touch screen games.

Visitors are now also able to discover and explore fish mounts that are on loan from the New York State Museum, live creatures that are native to The Hudson River, and the tidal components of The River. By adding this piece to The Hudson River exhibit, CMOST is now able to frequently change the specimens in the exhibit and expose more of the Hudson River to children and their families as well as the river's significance in the Tech Valley.

Hiking on the New Interactive Kline Plantasies Killitie Trail

Throughout the course of the summer, CMOST staff has worked diligently to open a new interactive trail for our visitors' use at The Rensselaer Technology Park. The Kline Plantasies Killitie Trail is a half-mile trail that allows you to experience a meadow, forest and stream habitats.

Before heading out on the trail, make sure to grab one of the new CMOST Trail Guides. This guide, along with the new numbered sign posts on the trail, will assist you in exploring many of the different aspects of the trail.

This new trail passes along a tributary of the Hudson River and was made possible by funding from the DEC Estuary program and the Hudson River Improvement Fund. We hope to see you soon out along the trail!

CMOST Expands Group Science Programming!

CMOST is proud to be offering three additional options for schools and groups to use in educating our kids in the Tech Valley. CMOST utilized the New York State curriculum standards in creating these programs.

WONDERFUL WORLD OF WEATHER is designed for kids in Kindergarten through 3rd grade, who will get wild about the weather through games and experiments. They will test their skills as a weatherman and watch the water cycle in action.



ELECTRIFYING SCIENCE is a program for kids in 3rd through 5th grade who come and learn about the basics of electricity. Kids will discover static, experiment with a Van de Graaf generator and explore magnetics with various hands on experiments.



READY, SET, REACTION is designed for 3rd through 5th graders to learn all about physical and chemical reactions while getting hands on with chemistry. They will learn what a reaction is as well as blow up balloons, create rockets out of film canisters and heat things up!

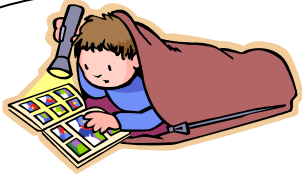


For more information on CMOST's group programs visit www.CMOST.org, or call 518-235-2120, extension 206.



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Bring a group of friends and enjoy a night of hands-on science discovery, a planetarium show and exploration of The Museum!

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for more information



A CMOST Membership – It’s a full year of fun!

Prices good through December 31, 2007

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

Child’s Name Date of Birth Child’s Name Date of Birth

1. _____

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2. _____

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Credit Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____



Member Benefits:

- Unlimited free admission for one year
- 10% discount in museum gift shop
- 10% discount on birthday parties
- Discounts on camps and workshops
- Guest passes (Family Explorer and above)
- \$1 off admission for member guests
- Quarterly Newsletters and e-news alerts
- Invitations to members-only events
- CMOST open seven days a week for members
- Free admission to over 300 other science centers around the world (*Family Explorer and above*)
- Free admission to participating museums of the Empire State Museums Reciprocal Program

FAMILY EXPLORER **\$120**
All member benefits for two parents, two grandparents and all children under 18. FREE and unlimited admission to dome shows for one year, and six free guest passes

GRANDPARENT **\$65**
All member benefits for two grandparents and all grandchildren under 18

GALAXY MEMBERSHIP CLUB
\$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000
(please circle desired level)
All the benefits of the Family Sponsor membership for two adults, two grandparents, all children and two additional guests, invitations to special museum events, discount on museum rental, invitations to private tours, and free guest passes.

FAMILY **\$70**
All member benefits for two adults and all children in the household under 18

FAMILIES SPONSOR **\$250**
All the benefits of the Family Explorer Membership PLUS one sponsorship of educational programs for disadvantaged children in the Capital Region.

Yes, I’d like to add the Dome Pass for \$30 to my membership.

This membership is: New Renewal Gift

Memberships are non-transferable Please return this form to: CMOST, 250 Jordan Road, Troy, NY 12180