

NEWS RELEASE**For Immediate Release**
November 14, 2007**Contact:** Howard M. Pollman
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THE DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING**

HARRISBURG, PA – You’ve spent the day with friends and relatives. You’ve enjoyed the turkey and the pumpkin pie. You’ve watched all the football games. What happens the next day? How about a visit to The State Museum of Pennsylvania? The State Museum of Pennsylvania is open Friday, November 23 - “Black Friday”. If the hustle and bustle of the shopping mall is not for you perhaps The State Museum of Pennsylvania is.

Bring the kids age 7 and under to Curiosity Connection, the Museum’s hands-on play environment for young children and families. There is a lot for young minds to explore including an enchanted forest and farm complete with play animals, a garden to harvest and market truck to drive, an art wall, a toy truck assembly line and more. Imagine you’re a Farmer is the seasonal play area included in the admission fee of \$5.00 per adult and children age one and older. Curiosity Connection is open 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If the young children in your family are looking for something new and exciting, experience Dark Star Adventure at 11:30am in the Planetarium. On a dusty dying planet in a far off galaxy, a young girl’s world is about to be shattered, and her greatest adventure is about to begin. With a cast of animated characters, an engaging “lost in space” storyline, roller-coaster ride special effects, and a winning combination of science and entertainment, Dark Star Adventure is fun for the whole family.

Join us in the Planetarium at 1:00 pm & 2:00pm to see Astronaut. Stand anywhere on the Earth and space is never more than a mere 100 kilometers away, at this distance you are beyond the Earth’s atmosphere and are officially...an astronaut. Narrated by Ewan McGregor, Astronaut takes an in-depth look at what is required of the men and women who are selected for this rare experience.

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If you prefer a trip to another world join us at 11:00am to see Mars. Forge through the science and the fiction, fast forwarding to the space age and the dusty, cratered world of the Mariner, Viking and Pathfinder missions. The answers are on their way. Mars presents the latest discoveries from a new generation of Mars exploration craft and takes a look into the planet's past and future.

Planetarium tickets must be purchased prior to the show at the Museum Information Desk on the ground floor. Tickets are \$3.50 for adults; \$3.00 for children 12 and under and Senior Citizens. Members of the Pennsylvania Heritage Society® receive a discount rate of \$2.50. Members should present their membership cards at the Museum Information Desk to receive the discount.

The State Museum of Pennsylvania, located at 300 North Street, is one of 25 historic sites and museums on the Pennsylvania Trail of History®, administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. Museum hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 12 noon to 5 p.m. Individuals who need special assistance should call (717) 787-6778 or the Pennsylvania TDD relay service at (800) 654-5984. For more information on programs, exhibitions and events at The State Museum, call (717) 787-4980 or click on www.statemuseumpa.org.

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