



Museum of Nature and Science

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**REMEDY FOR SPRING FEVER FOUND AT THE PEROT MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE WITH
MAYA: HIDDEN WORLDS REVEALED, SPRING BREAK BONANZA, 3D FILMS AND MORE**

Come explore largest, most comprehensive Maya exhibition to tour the U.S., plus Spring Break activities, extended hours and camps, 3D films, Discovery Days and more make the Perot Museum anything but a garden-variety destination

DALLAS (Feb. 20, 2017) – As winter withers away, spring makes way for a season abloom in bright ideas and inspiration at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science. From the largest and most comprehensive Maya exhibition to tour the U.S., to gripping 3D films, Spring Break activities and camps, the Perot Museum will offer a colorful combination of fun adventures to brighten brains, create smiles and ultimately spur that “ah-ha moment” in kids and adults alike.

With roots that run deep in history and culture and rich in fascinating science, the expansive 10,000-square-foot ***Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*** traveling exhibition beckons visitors to explore a forgotten world and uncover its hidden secrets. Highly interactive, the family-friendly exhibition is presented in English and Spanish (details below).

“Here’s your chance to walk in an archaeologist’s shoes and step back in time to experience what it was like to live during one of the most advanced ancient civilizations,” said Dan Kohl, Perot Museum’s interim chief executive officer. “In *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*, you’ll get to survey underground caves, decode the Maya calendar, decipher mysterious glyphs, build arches and even discover a Maya ballgame, which is believed to be one of the first team sports in human history.”

Also on the lineup are *Discovery Camps*, daily activities and extended hours during Spring Break, wild 3D films, *First Thursday Late Nights*, second-Saturday *Discovery Days* and sleepovers, to name a few.

Details on all the spring happenings are below.

MAYA: HIDDEN WORLDS REVEALED (through Sept. 4, 2017) is the largest traveling exhibition about the Maya ever to tour the U.S. Presented by *Highland Capital Management*, the exhibition brings together nearly 250 authentic artifacts and immersive environments to explore the astonishing accomplishments of one of the most powerful indigenous Mesoamerican civilizations, that still has millions of living descendants today. Visitors will learn how the Maya built towering temples and created an intricate calendar system while discovering what archaeologists have uncovered about the once-hidden ancient Maya, and the unresolved questions about why their cities were abandoned. Through hands-on activity stations, guests of all ages can decipher hieroglyphs, learn cultural and architectural techniques, and explore an underworld cave, ancient burial site, mural room and more. The bilingual exhibition, presented in English and Spanish, requires a surcharge for members and non-members. Members always enjoy free general admission and get up to half-off on tickets to *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*.

3D FILMS IN THE HOGLUND FOUNDATION THEATER, A NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC EXPERIENCE. Grab some 3D glasses, sit back and experience electrifying science, aerial views of earth and wild weather! To view trailers and film schedule, go to perotmuseum.org. *Films are presented locally by Primrose Schools.*

EARTHFLIGHT 3D (through March 10). Take an incredible flight across the world on the wings of some of our planet’s most charismatic birds. Narrated by Cate Blanchett and presented by BBC Earth, *Earthflight 3D* runs approximately 20 minutes.

ELECTROPOLIS 3D (through May 25). Take a fascinating look at the all-important electrical grid and

explore how companies are working to ensure that blackouts do not disrupt everyday life. Presented by National Geographic, *Electropolis 3D* runs approximately 20 minutes.

EXTREME WEATHER 3D (through May 25). From famed storm chaser and award-winning filmmaker Sean Casey, go to the edge of 300-foot-tall glaciers, the front lines of massive wildfires and directly in the paths of deadly yet mesmerizing tornadoes. Presented by National Geographic, *Extreme Weather 3D* runs approximately 40 minutes.

WILD AFRICA 3D (opening March 11). Ride across, over and through the magical realms of the most dramatic continent on Earth: Africa. Plunge into fantastic places, meet amazing creatures and discover the fascinating secrets of this enchanted kingdom. Narrated by Helena Bonham Carter and presented by BBC Earth, *Wild Africa 3D* runs approximately 20 minutes.

PROGRAMS. *Discovery Days*, *Late Nights*, special Spring Break activities and sleepovers galore make for a spring-tastic retreat at the Perot Museum.

DISCOVERY DAYS. On the second Saturday of the month, the family-fun *Discovery Days* will feature exciting experiments, activities and performances with scientists, educators and artists throughout the Museum. All ages can discover the field of paleontology at *Discovery Days: Fossils* on March 11. On April 8, explore the planet at *Discovery Days: Earth*, sponsored by McDonald's, and get wild with the wonders of weather at *Discovery Days: Meteorology* on May 13. 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.)

FIRST THURSDAY LATE NIGHT. First Thursdays mean more time to nerd out! The Perot Museum stays open late until 9 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month with special programming from 7-9 p.m. Upcoming dates and themes include March 2 (*Electricity*), April 6 (*Nano*) and May 4 (*Archaeology*). A great opportunity for working parents and those who want to visit after hours, *First Thursday Late Night* is free to members and included with general admission for non-members.

SLEEPOVER. Ready, set, snooze! Spring is hopping with sleepovers at the Perot Museum. These overnight adventures, designed for children ages 6-14, come chock-full of round-the-clock fun, including behind-the-scenes access to the Museum's 11 exhibit halls, exclusive demonstrations, hands-on discovery plus a late-night snack, 3D film and light breakfast to round out the experience. Spring dates are March 11 (Spring Break), April 21, May 5 (Boy Scouts NOVA Award), May 13 (all-girls sleepover) and May 26. 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. During Spring Break March 11-19, the Museum rolls out its popular daily activities plus *Discovery Camps* March 13-17 to keep pre-K through elementary kids content and constructive.

At select times during Spring Break March 11-19, visitors can enjoy daily live "science on the spot" demos, bookworm readings, science trivia and drop-in activities involving making clouds, rainbows, egg dyeing, pinwheels/wind energy and marshmallows, to name a few. Plus, little ones ages 5 and under can enjoy 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. Note: See Spring Break hours below.*

Plus *Discovery Camp* from March 13-17 will have pre-K through 4th graders unlocking secrets and uncovering a world buried over time and forgotten by many. Along with special access to *Maya: Hidden Worlds Revealed*, little explorers can soak up Maya culture through hands-on interactives such as building arches, deciphering hieroglyphs, translating the Maya calendar and more. For more info and to register, visit perotmuseum.org/camps.

HOURS. General hours of operation for the Perot Museum are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon-5 p.m. Sunday. On the first Thursday of the month, the Museum will stay open until 9 p.m. for its *First Thursday Late Night* public events.

Spring Break hours. During Spring Break (March 11-18), 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 11 a.m.-noon on Sunday. The Museum will resume normal hours on Sunday, March 19.

TICKETS AND PARKING. The Perot Museum is located at 2201 N. Field Street in Dallas, Texas. Museum general admission is free for members. For ticket information, parking maps and other details visit perotmuseum.org or call 214-428-5555.

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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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