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BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE OFFERS FREE ADMISSION ON MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY, MONDAY, JANUARY 21

BUFFALO (January 15, 2008) — The Buffalo Museum of Science will be open on Monday, January 21st in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and will offer **FREE ADMISSION** to all of its guests. The Museum and Chauncey's museum shop will be open from 10:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M.

On view at the Museum on January 21st will be the museum's **SNOW** and **The Zula Patrol: Mission Weather** exhibits in addition to its regularly-displayed collections and interactive gallery, *Connections*. The Museum is located at 1020 Humboldt Parkway in Buffalo.

ABOUT SNOW

Celebrating winter is sometimes hard to do, but *SNOW* provides an exhibit experience that showcases some of the natural science behind WNY winters, and highlights the story of "the godfather of snow" Wilson Bentley (1865-1931), a Vermont-born farmer-scientist who, in the early days of the new science of photography, figured out how to microscopically photograph the intricate structure of snowflakes. *SNOW* includes a number of interactive discovery activities about the science behind winter in its "SnowLab" – test your insulating powers, add to our crystal-growing station, try your hand at simulated ice fishing in Lake Erie, or even indoor carpet skating! Two Native American winter games can be tried as can indoor snowshoeing. *SNOW* will run through February 24th, 2008.

ABOUT THE ZULA PATROL: MISSION WEATHER

The Zula Patrol: Mission Weather is based on WNET's ThinkBright station's popular children's television show, *The Zula Patrol*. The exhibit is made of five freestanding, interactive stations that combine to create the colorful cartoon world of Zula. Zula characters Captain Bula, Professor Multo, Space Pilot Zeeter, flying wonders Wizzy and Wigg, and Space Pet Gorga invite visitors to join them as they explore clouds, precipitation, wind, temperature, and other weather phenomenon. The exhibit will run through March 2, 2008.

The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 600,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. The Museum also operates Tiffit Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land, and seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Byron, NY, one of North America's richest Ice Age sites.

For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit www.buffalomuseumofscience.org.

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