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WINTER SOLSTICE WEEKEND PLANNED

Welcome winter at Tifft Nature Preserve

BUFFALO, NY (December 16, 2008) – A weekend of wintery activities is planned for **Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21** at Tifft Nature Preserve, the environmental education site of the Buffalo Museum of Science located at 1200 Furhmann Blvd., Buffalo.

On **Saturday from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM**, celebrate the shortest day of the year with snow science investigations! Learn about snow and weather outdoors, or stay inside and explore winter astronomy with a portable planetarium demonstration that will illuminate the ceiling. Winter science activities and crafts will also take place inside the Visitors Center. Participants will learn how wildlife survive winter conditions during a guided tour of the preserve (with snowshoes if weather allows.) Snowshoeing demonstrations will also take place throughout the day. Warm up around the fire with some hot chocolate – chilly fun for the whole family! To register for Saturday's activities, please call 716-896-5200 ext., 338. Buffalo Museum of Science members: \$7 per person, non-members: \$8 per person.

On **Sunday from 2:00 – 4:00 PM**, celebrate the return of light with Friends of Tifft Nature Preserve, Inc. Make ornaments from natural or recycled materials. Take a guided snowshoe walk and identify winter animal tracks or make a pine cone bird feeder indoors! **Activities on Sunday are free to the public.**

For more information, please call Tifft Nature Preserve at 716-825-6397.

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. General admission to the Museum is \$7 adults; \$6 seniors (age 62+); \$5 students and children over 3; and free for members and children under 3. The Museum also operates Tifft Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land and also seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Genesee County, 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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