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“Night at the Museum: Overnight on Olympus”

Explore the Aegean after dark at the National Hellenic Museum

CHICAGO, IL - Young adventurers and their families are invited to explore the mysteries of the Aegean Sea and camp under the shadow of Mount Olympus on April 15-16 during the National Hellenic Museum’s annual *Night at the Museum*.

Children ages 4 to 14 will find fun around every corner as they traipse through the exhibits after dark.

“This year, we will be intertwining mythology and geology as we explore our *Aegean* exhibition by flashlight,” said Dimitra Georgouses, the museum’s program and education manager.

Activities include cookie baking, Greek dancing, and crafts such as pottery stenciling, paper mache and mosaics.

Families will also sample Greek-themed appetizers, make their own movie while acting out a Greek myth and then set up camp, and settle in for a late night movie before falling asleep surrounded by images of the beautiful Aegean Sea. A light breakfast will be served in the morning.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for families to experience a unique ‘camping’ experience that children and their parents can connect with Greek culture and traditions,” said Elizabeth Martin, NHM’s executive director. “Many of our participants have a Greek background, but we also have families who come because their children love mythology and others who are just excited to learn about another culture.”

It will be a night of mythological fun!

Space is limited, please register now at www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org or call 312-655-1234.

Night at the Museum: Overnight at Olympus is for children ages 4-14 and their parents. Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult over the age of 21.

Guest may arrive between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Friday, April 15 and depart the next morning at 10 a.m.

The cost is \$30/person (non-members), \$25/person (members)

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Located in Chicago’s Greektown, the sleek 40,000-square-foot National Hellenic Museum at 333. S. Halsted St. is both contemporary and timeless, connecting all generations—past, present and future—to the rich heritage of Greek history, culture, art and the Greek American experience. The National Hellenic Museum, previously known as the Hellenic Museum and Cultural Center, has been fulfilling this mission since 1983.

For more information, visit <http://www.nationalhellenicmuseum.org> or call 312-655-1234.

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