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Fall into Fun at *The Franklin Institute*

NEW! Franklin Fright Weekend + Creation Station for Tots Night Skies@Home with Derrick Pitts + The Presidents by Madame Tussauds

Philadelphia, PA September 17, 2020—With safety as the highest priority, The Franklin Institute ushers in a brand new season of science—offering even more to explore this fall. Trick-or-treat indoors at [Franklin Fright](#), a spooktacular two-day Halloween weekend event. For our youngest learners, [Creation Station for Tots](#) is an all-new pop-up experience built for fun and creative play. The ever-popular cosmic viewing event [Night Skies@Home](#) continues virtually the first Thursday of each month, hosted by our Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts. Plus, [The Presidents by Madame Tussauds](#), the only location in the world where guests can get up close and personal with every American president.

Franklin Fright Weekend

Saturday, October 31 + Sunday, November 1 | 10am-6pm

For two days only, The Franklin Institute transforms into a frightfully-fun Halloween haven, complete with indoor trick or treating, scary science, and creepy crawlers from *The Insectarium*. Costumed staff with goodies to give will greet guests behind festive faux doors that adorn the iconic exhibits. Plus, hourly eerie eye and heart dissections, and live liquid “scare” shows featuring ghostly smoke-filled bubbles created using liquid nitrogen. Costumes encouraged! **Included with museum admission; advance tickets are required for general museum admission.**

NEW! Creation Station for Tots

Now Open! Wednesday–Sunday: 10am-4pm

Guests can relax and recharge in the all-new “build-and-play” zone designed with tiny tots in mind. In this new pop-up space, young learners can tinker and create using oversized mega building blocks, foam Imagination Playground blocks, and more, spread across colorful play mat stations providing endless opportunities for creative play. **Included with museum admission; advance tickets are required for general museum admission.**

The popular exhibit **Sir Isaac's Loft** and the modified **Tech Studio** where experts engineer creative play and demonstrate 3D printing have reopened. Plus, guests can see **curatorial items** now on display that highlight the design and build history of Philadelphia and The Franklin Institute, including reprints of early plans and maps of the city, a 4-foot model of the Walt Whitman Bridge, and photos of the Institute’s construction alongside the ceremonial shovel used to break ground in 1930.

Night Skies @ Home LIVE with Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts

Thursday, October 1 | 7:45pm on Facebook

Chief Astronomer Derrick Pitts inspires the curious to step outside and join him for night sky tours *from home*. Families and friends across the region, country, and world can log on to the [Franklin Institute’s Facebook Page](#) to learn sky watching techniques and the latest cosmic phenomenons to look for, plus more—telescopes not required.

**The Presidents by Madame Tussauds
Through January 3, 2021**

The exclusive Philadelphia limited engagement puts guests up close and personal with lifesize wax figures, including every American president, plus seven significant historical figures, such as Ben Franklin, Rosa Parks, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Michelle Obama. **Advance tickets required: Adults \$30; Children (3+) \$26—includes general museum admission. Wednesday-Sunday, 10am-6pm; last entry 4pm.**

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Located in the heart of Philadelphia, The Franklin Institute is a renowned and innovative leader in science and technology learning and a dynamic center of activity. As Pennsylvania's most visited museum, it is dedicated to creating a passion for learning about science by offering hands-on science education access. For more information, visit www.fi.edu.