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Alien Worlds and Androids Lands at Arizona Science Center this Fall
How close are we to discovering new alien worlds and alien life?

Phoenix, AZ (9/14/2016) *Alien Worlds and Androids* takes on the question that has fascinated man for centuries: "Are we alone?" Through the use of robots, telescopes, space probes and high-tech laboratories, scientists have been studying the possibility of life beyond Earth and what forms it might take depending on the environment. Opening Saturday, September 17, *Alien Worlds and Androids* brings guests face-to-face with worlds far beyond their own, and introduces the technology that takes them there.

"This interactive and engaging exhibition will ignite scientific curiosity as it entertains guests with iconic robots, androids, and super heroes from their favorite sci-fi films, as well as the real science behind how we are using the inspirations from these once fictional technologies in current life on earth," says Sari Custer, Arizona Science Center vice president of exhibits and collections. "Is there life on other planets? What might the CURIOSITY rover find on Mars? Why are extremophiles important? *Alien Worlds and Androids* is a great exhibition for those curious to find answers about space, androids and life found here on earth and beyond. "

The 5,000 square-foot exhibition was produced by GES and features content from Jet Propulsion Laboratory and NASA.

Alien Worlds and Androids features nine scientific themes: Are We Alone, Looking for Life in Space, Alien Life on Earth, Artificial Intelligence and Robots, Robot Space Explorers, Explore the Solar System, The Robotization of Planet Earth, I-Cyborg, and The Human Microbiome.

Sci-fi fans will appreciate how science fiction has inspired and influenced science, robotics and technologies. Life-size replicas of Iron Man, C-3PO and R2D2 from the Star Wars movies, and a replica T-800 bust from The Terminator franchise, provide great learning and photo opportunities. Guests will have the opportunity to construct an alien, touch a meteorite, work with a robotic arm, and sit in a POD to experience the incredible journey CURIOSITY endured to land on Mars.

"Is anybody out there? NASA has confirmed nearly 1,300 new worlds, nine of which could possibly hold alien life. This exhibition allows families and even educators to learn



more about alien life in and beyond our solar system, “says Chevy Humphrey, CEO and president of Arizona Science Center.

The Center’s Irene P. Flinn Theater will be playing *Robots 3D* on its five-story screen throughout the featured exhibition run. *Robots 3D* is a sneak peek into the future at what might be possible as scientists use innovative engineering and design to make cyber characters less "humanoid" and more just plain human. Robot "actor" RoboThespian will introduce CHIMP, ATLAS, PR-2, Herb the Butler, ICUB, and others as he takes attendees on an amazing tour of what's going on in robotics labs around the world.

Ticket Information:

Arizona Science Center, located at 600 E. Washington St., Phoenix, AZ 85004, is open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. 7 days a week. *Alien Worlds and Androids* will be on exhibit September 17, 2016 –January 16, 2017. Guests can purchase tickets online at azscience.org, or in person at Arizona Science Center. Tickets are \$24 for adults and \$19 for children (3–17). Arizona Science Center members receive a discount on exhibition tickets.

Alien Worlds and Androids is located on Level 3 in the Sybil B. Harrington Galleries at Arizona Science Center.

Special note: This exhibition will open Fry’s Free Weekend (Sept. 17-18). During this annual weekend, admission is free and therefore the Center anticipates unusually high attendance. In 2015, during Fry’s Free Weekend, over 25,000 people visited the Center.

Fall and Winter Events Associated with *Alien Worlds and Androids*:

Astronomy Day, Saturday, October 8, 2016

Astronomy Day is observed worldwide each spring and fall. Arizona Science Center will have a special event and activities to increase public awareness about space.

Halloween, Saturday, October 29, 2016

Guests will have an out of this world fun time during this weekend event with weird science demos and activities throughout the day.

Camp INNOVATION: Out of this World

December 19–30, 2016



Grades: 1–6

Are we alone in the universe? What would life on other planets look like? How would we communicate with intelligent life or have we already? Answer all of these questions and learn all about the search for extraterrestrial intelligence in this stellar camp program.

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About Arizona Science Center

The mission of Arizona Science Center is to inspire, educate and engage curious minds through science. The Center, located at 600 E. Washington Street in downtown Phoenix, features more than 300 hands-on exhibits, live demonstrations, the state-of-the-art Dorrance Planetarium and the five-story screen Irene P. Flinn Theater. CREATE at Arizona Science Center, adjacent to the main building, is the newest addition. This 6,500 square foot community maker space provides workshops, including 3D printing, laser cutting, microcontrollers, woodworking and sewing. The Center also offers various programs for all ages. Programs include Camp Innovation, Teen Science Scene, Professional Development and Learning for Educators, and adults-only Science With A Twist. For further details, please visit azscience.org.