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Press Release

Columbia Memorial Space Center Grand Opening Weekend

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The City of Downey is pleased to announce the Grand Opening of the new Columbia Memorial Space Center, scheduled for Saturday, October 24 and Sunday, October 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The general public is invited to attend this grand opening weekend celebration. Tickets for this event are free and will be available at the City Manager's Office located on the 3rd floor of City Hall beginning Monday, October 19. Tickets are required and limited to 4 per person. Each ticket will be valid for 1 hour and the public may choose a time slot for either Saturday or Sunday.

During each time slot, the public will have the opportunity to tour the Space Center and experience first hand many of the exhibits, labs and programs. The new Space Center features an advanced Challenger Learning Center for simulated journeys to the Moon, Mars, a comet, and even Earth. The Robotics Lab, our Programs and a wide range of interactive exhibits will provide engaging insights into Space Shuttle operations, living and working on the International Space Station, exploration of our solar system, aerospace engineering and the range of study and jobs related to human and robotic space exploration.

The Columbia Memorial Space Center will also provide engaging programs and instruction in technology, science, and engineering while acknowledging some of the most important aerospace achievements in the 20th century. It will also stand as a monument to the crew of the Space Shuttle Columbia, honoring their courage, dedication, and commitment to knowledge.

The Space Center is located on 12400 Clark Avenue in Downey. For ticket information, please call the City Manager's Office at 562-904-1895 or 562-904-7286.

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