Family Days: A Winter Wonderland

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013 / 10 AM-6 PM / Ars Electronica Center

(Linz, December 17, 2013) A visit to the Ars Electronica Center is a great way to get into the holiday spirit! Visitors young and old are cordially invited to design festive Christmas cards, discover how to program a robot to paint Christmas tree ornaments, to populate a wintry landscape with robotic creatures and spend some quality family time in Deep Space.

Here's an overview of the Family Days lineup:

Designing Christmas Cards

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The Ars Electronica Center's FabLab provides a digital drawing board, colored paper and a laser cutter that visitors can use to create individualized Christmas cards.

Painting Christmas Tree Ornaments

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013, 10 AM-12 Noon and 1-6 PM

Throughout the weekend, you can apply your own very special touch to Christmas gifts you create in the Ars Electronica Center's FabLab: *Tannenbaum* ornaments painted by a specially constructed robot.

A Cute Little Winter Landscape of Machines

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013, 10 AM-5 PM

Come and admire the wintry landscape for little robots we've set up in the Main Gallery of the Ars Electronica Center. Young visitors are invited to use various LEGO sets to assemble objects and machines, which they can try out on site and use to populate the winter landscape.

Films about Winter Wonderland

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013, 10 AM-6 PM in the Seminar Room

Calling all cineastes—throughout Family Days, we'll be screening winter-themed short films and cartoons suitable for family viewing in the Ars Electronica Center's Seminar Room.

Deep Space Advent Special

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013, 12:30-1 and 4:30-5 PM in Deep Space

To take your Christmas spirit to a higher level of definition, check out these animated films on Deep Space's 16x9-meter projection screen.

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Tinkering Blinky

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013, 2-6 PM

Blinking brooches, glowing hair bands and iridescent insects—at the Tinkering Blinky workshop, anyone can design artistic accessories that are theirs to keep. Give free rein to your creativity!

Play the Façade

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013, 4-6 PM

Visitors and passers-by are cordially invited to establish a wireless connection between their Bluetooth-enabled smartphone, tablet or notebook with the terminal set up on Donaulände, and get the Ars Electronica Center's façade blinking in time to their favorite song.

Theme Tour "See the Light!"

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013, 4-4:30 PM

The brilliantly lit shell of the Ars Electronica Center is a highlight of Linz's cityscape. The "See the Light!" theme tour offers a behind-the-scenes look at this energy-efficient media façade—infrastructure, technology and processes to which the general public isn't usually privileged. In Part 2 of the tour, participants can collaboratively conjure up an impressively illuminated array of LED modules. Reservations recommended: call 0732.7272.51 or send an e-mail to center@aec.at

Deep Space LIVE Family: Light Speed

Saturday & Sunday, December 21-22, 2013, 2-2:30 PM

Nothing outruns light. Photons hit 300,000 kilometers per second, and thus need a mere 1.3 seconds for a quick trip between the Earth and the Moon. So it's no wonder that measuring this enormous speed was a tough nut for scientists to crack. Visitors attending this Deep Space LIVE Family will find out more about light's qualities and learn why light speed is of such tremendous importance to our technology-pervaded everyday life. Speakers: Herbert Raab of the Linz Astronomical Society and Ars Electronica Center museum director Andreas Bauer.

Price: Parents and children €16 (with family ticket €12); one parent with child €8 (with family ticket €6) or valid museum ticket. Preregister via e-mail to center@aec.at or by calling 0732.7272.51.

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