

New Infinity Climber Exhibit Grand Unveiling Featuring Record-Breaking Daredevil Nik Wallenda at Liberty Science Center, Saturday, November 22, 2014

Launch of World's First Suspended Climbing Play Space of its kind and Wallenda Appearance Highlight Family Fun Fitness Festival at Center

JERSEY CITY, NJ – November 18, 2014 – Liberty Science Center's (LSC) new *Infinity Climber*, the world's first suspended climbing play space of its kind, will be unveiled on Saturday, November 22. Acclaimed aerialist Nik Wallenda, "King of the High Wire," will lead guests on the first official gravity-defying ascent in his first public appearance following his record-breaking tightrope walk across the Chicago skyline.

Suspended over LSC's atrium, the *Infinity Climber* dares guests to climb, crawl, and balance their way through endless pathways as high as 35 feet above the floor. The launch of the thrilling, multi-story climber will be celebrated at LSC with the Family Fun Fitness Festival.

"Liberty Science Center's *Infinity Climber* is designed to inspire guests to get active in a fun and challenging way," said Paul Hoffman, LSC's President and CEO. "The climber's physically challenging environment uses sensorimotor learning to encourage guests to exercise their bodies as well as their imaginations."

Consisting of 64 platforms anchored to mammoth curved steel pipes, the 21,000-pound climber is cantilevered to the wall of LSC's three-story atrium, making it the world's first suspended climbing play space of its kind. Designed by Spencer Luckey, up to 50 children and adults can climb the structure at once.

"I've walked across the Grand Canyon, the Chicago Skyline and Niagara Falls, but I've never attempted something as unusual and interesting as the *Infinity Climber*," said Wallenda. "Knowing that the climber is designed to promote fitness and a healthy lifestyle makes it more interesting. I applaud Liberty Science Center for bringing the *Infinity Climber* to the masses and I look forward to participating when it is unveiled."

The *Infinity Climber's* grand unveiling will headline the Family Fun Fitness Festival, which runs from noon to 5 p.m. on November 22. There will be musical performances, a "Just Dance 2015" dance party, an obstacle course, bovine heart dissections, a Teddy Care Clinic, and other hands-on activities for guests of all ages.

General admission to the Center is \$19.75 for adults, \$15.75 for children ages 2-12, and \$16.75 for seniors ages 62+. For tickets or more information, visit <u>lsc.org</u>.

About Liberty Science Center

Liberty Science Center (LSC.org) is a 300,000-square-foot learning center located in Liberty State Park on the Jersey City bank of the Hudson near the Statue of Liberty. Dedicated to bringing the excitement of science to people of all ages, Liberty Science Center houses 12 museum exhibition halls, a live animal collection with 110 species, giant aquariums, a 3D theater, the nation's largest IMAX Dome Theater, live simulcast surgeries, tornado and hurricane-force wind simulators, K-12 classrooms and labs, and teacher-development programs. More than half a million students, teachers, and parents visit the Science Center each year, and tens of thousands more participate in the Center's offsite and online programs. LSC is the most visited museum in New Jersey and the largest interactive science center in the NYC-NJ metropolitan area.