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Connecticut Science Center Teams up with Doodle 4 Google 2012

Hartford, CT- January 31, 2012- The Connecticut Science Center announced today that it will be supporting Doodle 4 Google™ 2012 by encouraging all K-12 students in Connecticut to participate and by showcasing the State Finalists' doodles in a local exhibition this summer.

The Connecticut Science Center is supporting Doodle 4 Google by encouraging Connecticut children between the ages of 5-18 years to participate in this exciting and innovative contest. The Connecticut Science Center also plans to host a Doodle 4 Google workshop on Saturday, March 3 where participants can come to the Science Center to work on their designs for the contest. The workshop will be facilitated and art supplies will be provided (paid admission is not required to participate in the Doodle 4 Google workshop).

"We are delighted to team with Google for this initiative. The Connecticut Science Center is a hub for inspiration, discovery and education. This contest offers a unique way to motivate kids to get inspired and use their imaginations," said Connecticut Science Center President & CEO, Matt Fleury. "We are looking forward to celebrating the achievements of our local young artists by displaying the drawings of the State's Finalists at the Science Center for all to enjoy."

The Doodle 4 Google Workshop is just one of the activities planned for the "Celebrate the Art and Science of Animation" event on March 3rd at the Science Center, which will also feature special programming and demonstrations related to art and animation. This will be one of the last opportunities to view the wildly popular *Animation* Exhibit in the Science Center's traveling exhibit gallery. The exhibition closes March 11.

Doodle 4 Google is one of several efforts by Google to encourage and celebrate the creativity of young people by asking students to create their own Google doodle. The theme this year is "if I could travel in time, I'd visit..." Doodle 4 Google gives students a blank canvas to harness their curiosity and imagine the past, present, and/or future anywhere in the world. After all doodles have been submitted to Google by March 23rd, a team of Googlers and guest judges-such as Katy Perry, Phineas and Ferb creator and executive producer Jeff "Swampy" Marsh, and recording artist Jordin Sparks-will help choose the top doodles. Then on May 2nd, Google will give the final vote to the public, and one winner from each grade group will be chosen by a public vote. First prize will be awarded to the winning doodler on May 17th, and their doodle will be showcased on google.com on May 18th. An exhibition of the finalists from the State of Connecticut original artwork will be on display at the Connecticut Science Center May – August, 2012. More information including complete contest rules are available at google.com/doodle4google. For information about the Connecticut Science Center and the "Art and Science of Animation" event, visit www.ctsciencecenter.org.

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About the Connecticut Science Center The LEED-Gold certified Connecticut Science Center, located in downtown Hartford, sparks creative imagination and an appreciation for science by immersing visitors in fun and educational hands-on, minds-on interactive experiences while maintaining an environmentally conscious presence. Visitors experience over 150 exhibits in ten galleries and a range of topics, including space and earth sciences, physical sciences, biology, the Connecticut River watershed, alternative energy sources, Connecticut inventors and innovations, a children's gallery, and much more. Other features include four educational labs, a 200-seat 3D digital theater, function room, gift store and café, and ongoing events and lectures for all ages. The Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing science education throughout the state of Connecticut and New England, providing learning opportunities for students and adults of all ages, and engaging the community in scientific exploration. More information: www.CTScienceCenter.org or 860.SCIENCE.