Bradbury Science Museum takes part in Smithsonian's Museum Day September 26

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Los Alamos, New Mexico, September 21, 2009 - Los Alamos National Laboratory's Bradbury Science Museum is participating in the Smithsonian's fifth annual Museum Day on Saturday, September 26. Sponsored by Smithsonian magazine, Museum Day is a day when museums and cultural institutions across the nation open their doors free of charge to Smithsonian magazine subscribers and Smithsonian.com visitors.

A celebration of culture, learning, and the dissemination of knowledge, Museum Day follows the free-admission policy of the Smithsonian Institution's Washington, D.C. museums.

"The Bradbury Science Museum already has a free-admission policy, but we're participating to help raise awareness of the importance of museums that this event fosters. We're looking forward to having the Bradbury represent local New Mexico

museums in this nationwide event," said Bradbury Science Museum Director Linda Deck.

Last year, more than 200,000 people attended Museum Day nationwide. All 50 states plus Puerto Rico were represented with 900 museums, including 84 Smithsonian affiliates, participating.

Attendees will need to download Smithsonian magazine's Museum Day admission card at www.smithsonian.com/museumday to gain free entry to participating institutions. Each card provides museum access for two people, and only one admission card per household is permitted. The Web site also provides listings and links to other participating museums nationwide. Deck said that although the Bradbury Science Museum doesn't charge admission, museum patrons and visitors are encouraged to bring the Smithsonian Museum Card to the Bradbury Science Museum. These are returned to Museum Day organizers, who track attendance tied to the event.

The Bradbury Science Museum features films and interactive exhibits interpreting Los Alamos National Laboratory's contributions to modern science, research, and technology, including its role in the Manhattan Project and current mission in national security.

The Bradbury Science Museum is open daily except Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. Admission is free, and photos are allowed. The museum is located at 15th Street and Central Avenue in downtown Los Alamos.

For more information contact Mary Ellen Ortiz at 664-0244 or go to the museum's Web site at http://www.lanl.gov/museum/.