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**“PERSEID METEOR SHOWER STAR PARTY” ON AUGUST 12**

*Adler Planetarium and Cantigny present annual family-friendly stargazing event*

**Wheaton, Ill., July 13, 2016** — Cantigny Park will host an out-of-this-world experience in partnership with Chicago’s Adler Planetarium on Friday, August 12, from 6 pm until midnight. Tickets are on sale now for the annual Perseid Meteor Shower Star Party!

Astronomers and casual stargazers alike look forward to the Perseid meteor shower every year in the late summer night sky. The meteors or “shooting stars” are best viewed at their peak, which this year will be August 12-13.



The “Star Party,” which sold out in 2015, is ideal for all ages. Space-related activities for kids, live music and presentations by Adler astronomers are among the attractions before the main event as the sky darkens. Meteors can be seen with the naked eye but telescopes will be set up on the Cantigny Parade Field for close looks at stars and planets—many of them viewable well before dark. Picnics are welcome and Bertie’s Café will stay open until 9 pm for snacks and ice cream.

General admission advance tickets are \$12 for adults or \$15 on August 12. Advance ticket sales end at midnight on August 11. Tickets for children ages 3-11 are \$9 (in advance or day of event). Adler Planetarium and Cantigny Park members may purchase adult tickets in advance for \$9. Parking is free for ticket holders.

Tickets sales are through Adler Planetarium. To purchase tickets and for additional event information please visit <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/events/perseid-star-party>.

The Perseid Meteor Shower Star Party is a rain or shine event. All ticket sales are final and no refunds will be issued.

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**About the Adler Planetarium**

The [Adler Planetarium](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org)—America’s First Planetarium—is more than a museum; it is a laboratory, a classroom, and a community exploring the Universe together. Each year, over 550,000 visitors experience the museum’s interactive exhibitions, live planetarium

shows, hands-on, minds-on STEM education programs, and world-class collections. Founded in 1930 by Chicago business leader Max Adler, the Adler Planetarium is a recognized leader in public engagement. The museum's scientists, historians and educators inspire the next generation of explorers and invite you to explore space with them.

### **About Cantigny Park**

[Cantigny Park](#), part of the Chicago-based Robert R. McCormick Foundations, is the 500-acre Wheaton estate of Robert R. McCormick (1880-1955). It is home to the McCormick Museum, First Division Museum, formal gardens, picnic grounds, walking trails and a Visitor Center with banquet and dining facilities. More information, including hours, directions and upcoming events is online at [Cantigny.org](#). Cantigny Golf, adjacent to the park, features a 27-hole championship golf course, full-service clubhouse, Cantigny Golf Academy and the 9-hole Cantigny Youth Links. For more information, visit [CantignyGolf.com](#).