## Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom Visit Lied Discovery Children's Museum

Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom love to learn and have fun -- that's why they're visiting Lied Discovery Children's Museum through December 31, 2008!



Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom are characters portrayed in the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office's Operation Clean Desert exhibit, which is on display at the Museum. Operation Clean Desert follows the adventures of Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom as they visit the Nevada Test Site, and learn about environmental issues. This interactive exhibit is designed to help children understand atoms and the different types of cleanup efforts that take place at the Nevada Test Site.

This colorful, interactive display is a fun and informative learning tool for both children and adults, and has been displayed in area schools, libraries and other locations. Accompanying the exhibit is an interactive computer game CD and an exciting

activity book, both of which are available to Museum visitors for free.

"We appreciate the community partnership with Lied Discovery Children's Museum in helping area children learn about scientific activities and the environmental management efforts at the Nevada Test Site," says Kelly Snyder, Public Involvement Task Manager for the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office. "Our display connects children with local history and the ongoing Nevada Test Site environmental work."



"We are very proud to host the Operation Clean Desert exhibit," says Tifferney White, Director of Programs and Education for the museum. "Lied Discovery Children's Museum is always looking for opportunities to present a variety of topics and exhibits, offering our repeat patrons something new and exciting each time they visit. Dr. Proton and Adam the Atom will provide our visitors with an additional environmentally-focused exhibit highlighting our Science/Nature focus. We also welcome opportunities for collaborative efforts with community partners, and we're excited about partnering with the U.S. Department of Energy Nevada Site Office. It's a wonderful match."

Lied Discovery Children's Museum is a private, nonprofit organization designed to provide vibrant and engaging experiences that ignite a love of lifelong learning in children and their families in the arts, sciences and humanities. A day at the Museum is full of discovery and adventure as you and your children can explore the arts and sciences with over 100 hands-on interactive exhibits!

The museum is located at 833 Las Vegas Boulevard North. From Interstate 95, take Las Vegas Boulevard Exit North (between Bonanza and Washington across from Cashman Field). Adults \$8, Children 1-17 & Seniors \$7, Children under 1 Free. Children under 13 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. For more museum information, call: (702) 382-KIDS (5437).

More information on the Operation Clean Desert learning trio can be found at <a href="www.nv.doe.gov">www.nv.doe.gov</a>. The Operation Clean Desert exhibit is available for loan to schools, libraries, museums, and public events. For more information, contact the Office of Public Affairs: (702) 295-3521 or <a href="mailto:envmgt@nv.doe.gov">envmgt@nv.doe.gov</a>.

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