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MUSEUMS OF OLD YORK PRESENTS FEBRUARY CAMP AND EXHIBIT

York, Maine — February 4, 2010 — Museums of Old York Education Program will be offering February Camp, “Vacation in Outer Space” on February 16 -18, 2010 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm for children ages 6-12. The camp will cost \$65 (\$60 for members) and will be an educational journey through the cosmos. Contact: education@oldyork.org for more information.

Travel into outer space through the ideas of early astronomers! With the help of a 15 panel traveling exhibit, Heavens on Earth, we will explore the early ideas about the cosmos.

Tuesday: Build a time machine rocket ship to transport you into the universe with the early Egyptian astronomer Claudius Ptolemy. Act out the stories hidden in the constellations and make a star chart to take home.

Wednesday: Travel with the ancient Greeks to the planets named after their gods and using recycled materials create the aliens you discover. Return to earth to construct a 2nd century rice crispy model of the universe.

Thursday: Celebrate the discovery that the sun is the center of the universe with a secret intergalactic party. Eat the earth centered universe created on Wednesday and replace it with a room size painting of the solar system!

The final section includes information about sponsors. This project was made possible in part by a grant from the ABC Foundation.

About the Museums of Old York

The Museums of Old York collects, stewards and presents objects of historical and community significance from York, Maine and surrounding communities. The museum’s collections showcase a broad spectrum of local architecture (including a National Historic Landmark), an archival library and outstanding furniture, decorative and folk art collections.

In addition to its vast collections, the museum offers a vibrant schedule of exhibitions, lectures, workshops and hands-on education programs. The museum campus features a contemporary art gallery, numerous period gardens and nine historic properties, including the Ramsdell House, a more than 250-year old house that once belonged to a farm laborer, and the Remick Barn, a fully-accessible visitor, education and exhibition center. For more information, please call (207) 363-4974 or visit the museum's website at www.oldyork.org.

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