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**DISCOVERY SCIENCE CENTER PRESENTS *DORA & DIEGO – LET’S EXPLORE!*  
The Adventure Begins in Santa Ana on January 28, 2012**

SANTA ANA, CA – Get ready to explore with Dora and Diego at Discovery Science Center (DSC) in the new traveling exhibit *Dora & Diego – Let’s Explore!* The exhibit features beloved characters Dora and Diego from Nickelodeon’s hit preschool series *Dora the Explorer* and *Go, Diego, Go!*, along with their friends Boots, Map, Backpack, Isa, Tico, and of course Swiper, now in their own exhibit for your preschooler to explore as they learn and play along.

This interactive traveling exhibit, created by The Children’s Museum of Indianapolis in partnership with Nickelodeon, and presented by the Anthem Foundation, will be at DSC from January 28 through May 6, 2012.

*Dora the Explorer* follows the adventures of the 7-year old Latina heroine Dora and her friends in an imaginative, tropical world. *Go, Diego, Go!* Stars Dora’s 8-year old cousin Diego, a bilingual animal rescuer who protects animals and their environment. The exhibit gives children and their families the opportunity to go into the worlds of Dora and Diego to engage in problem-solving and active play. Young children play along as they join an adventure and learn how to solve problems, be a good friend, and care for animals and the environment. Spanish vocabulary is incorporated throughout the exhibit to introduce Spanish-speaking skills to preschool children.

*Dora the Explorer* is a ground-breaking children’s series that draws kids into an interactive quest using a variety of learning techniques in every episode. *Dora and Diego—Let’s Explore!* carries the play-along theme throughout the exhibit as children are encouraged to actively play while they solve problems, share and learn about the natural world.

Favorite friends and places from episodes of *Dora the Explorer* and *Go, Diego, Go!* are incorporated in the exhibit including:

**The Purple Planet**

Visit the Purple Planet with Dora and Boots! A Purple Planet home invites young visitors to climb inside and slide down on the surface of the Purple Planet.

**Rocket Ship**

Dora’s outer-space friends want to go back to the Purple Planet and need help getting there. Aboard the Rocket Ship, preschoolers are invited to put on a spacesuit, pilot the ship, and test their memory with images of colorful planets as they help Dora and Boots take their outer-space friends home.

**Constellations**

On the way to the Purple Planet, Dora and Boots encounter some interesting star groupings. Children and their families are invited to help identify the patterns made out of stars by inserting star shapes to light-up a constellation.

### **Isa's Garden**

Dora's friend Isa the Iguana demonstrates how to take care of flowers, plants, and animals. Preschool visitors can tour Isa's Garden to pick flowers, interact with bird, butterfly, and insect puppets, and pretend-fly with toddler-sized bird and butterfly wings. Even the littlest visitors will enjoy smelling the flowery scents and picking soft-fabric posies.

### **Tico's Tree and Car**

Dora is a good friend to Tico the squirrel and young visitors are invited to be a good friend to Tico too. Tico needs help picking nuts from the tree for a family picnic. Children can play along with Swiper to swipe the nuts and watch as they shoot up and over to fill Tico's basket. Tico's car is in need of fuel! Visitors can help Tico fill up his car with nuts so he can begin his journey.

### **Pirate Ship**

In the Pirate Ship, preschoolers can join the Pirate Piggies crew and dress like a pirate to pretend-play along sailing the ship and divvying up the treasure. Visitors can raise and lower the Pirate Piggies' flag, look through the telescopes to spot the treasure chest and then divvy up the coins into the Pirate Piggies' banks and help them share the treasure.

### **Animal Rescue Center**

Young children can practice caring and helping rainforest animals in Diego's Animal Rescue Center. Preschoolers can be an animal rescuer, like Diego, as they diagnose and address an animal's problem from the "Scanner" bed, bandage and apply cold packs at the "First-Aid Station," and brush stuffed animals at the "Care Station."

### **Rainforest Maze**

Preschoolers will explore a rainforest to locate rainforest animals. Active play is encouraged as children swing across the Bobo Brothers' monkey bars, climb or crawl through a fallen tree, climb across Jaguar Mountain, and jump or hop across the River Rocks.

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### **ABOUT DISCOVERY SCIENCE CENTER**

Imaginations run wild through more than 100 hands-on exhibits at Discovery Science Center, Orange County's leading destination for hands-on science fun. Take the Eco Challenge and become a green superhero, feel the power of a real rocket engine "launch", explore the inner workings of a two-story tall dinosaur and try your best slap shot against the Anaheim Duck's goalie! Since 1998, Discovery Science Center has been a non-profit organization dedicated to educating young minds, assisting teachers and increasing public understanding of science, math and technology through interactive exhibits and programs. It is a community-wide resource where families come together to learn and have fun and school districts can use as an educational resource.

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