

EXHIBIT 4 Space A Journey to Our Future

My ten-year-old son, Kevin, his friend Diante, and I recently completed a mission to space — and we did it without leaving our own hometown. At the new traveling exhibit called *Space: A Journey to Our Future*, we explored 12,000 square feet of hands-on fun, successfully maneuvering space vehicles, touring a re-created Mars base camp, playing with moon rocks, and discovering just how complicated — and “cool!” the boys would add — an astronaut’s job really is. Here are the highlights from an exhibit that is totally out of this world:

1 Most impressive facts and figures: At A Dream Come True, Kevin jumped on the scale to learn that his moon weight was only 14.4 pounds! But even more amazing was our discovery that a Sony PlayStation has 8,000 times more memory than the entire original *Apollo* guidance and navigation system.

2 Best gravity-defying experience: “It’s harder than it looks,” groaned Kevin, as he sat on a stool at the Working in Space station, struggling to turn a wheel directly above his head. As soon as he put his feet on the ground, however, he could spin the wheel without effort, proving that resistance like gravity makes things a lot easier. His conclusion: gravity is awesome.

3 Hottest activity: A psychedelically colorful infrared screen in the Living the Dream section reflected the boys’ images. As they scraped their

feet on the floor and rubbed their hands and legs together, they could see the heat caused by friction as these spots got redder on screen.

4 Most head-spinning contraption: Strapped to a pedal-powered revolving seat at the Exercise Bike station, we worked our muscles as the astronauts do. I tried it only once because it made me a bit too dizzy, but both boys braved it numerous times and loved the carnivallike thrill.



Where to See It

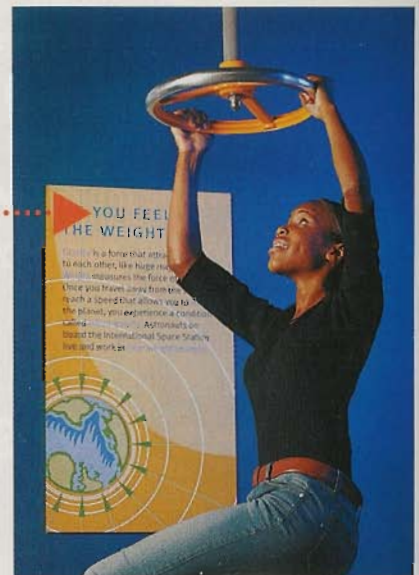
The New Detroit Science Center,
Detroit: Now through May;
www.detroitsciencecenter.org

North Carolina Museum of Natural
Sciences, **Raleigh, North Carolina:**
Tentatively scheduled June through
September; www.naturalsciences.org

For more information, including a more
extensive itinerary, go to [www.space
exhibit.com](http://www.space
exhibit.com).

5 Closest we got to moonwalking: At the Touch the Moon station, we did just that — touched actual moon rocks and meteoric Mars rocks, set before a wall-size photo of a lunar landscape. It was as though we were standing on the moon with the astronauts, touching what they touched.

6 Comfiest home away from home: The boys played astronaut at The Base Camp, a life-size habitat and work pod designed for missions to Mars. At first, the boys wanted to move to Mars because they’d have more time to do their homework (a Martian day is 37 minutes longer than a day on Earth). But they abandoned the idea after discovering that calling their friends back on Earth would be tough — it could take between 7 and 40 minutes to hear a reply, and cell phones probably won’t get reception.



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