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City of El Paso Hosts Sixth Annual Lunar New Year Celebration

EL PASO, Texas—The City of El Paso Museums and Cultural Affairs Department (MCAD) in partnership with Pho Tre Bien and Ai-Hwa Chinese Language School invites the community to ring in the Year of the Snake at the Sixth annual Lunar New Year Celebration.

The free, family-friendly event is centered at the El Paso Museum of History and takes place in the Downtown Arts District corridor beginning at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 1.

Free activities include:

- Lunar New Year Read & Ride with El Paso Streetcar
 - Location: Glory Road Parking Garage
- Interactive Activities with Ai-Hwa Chinese Language School including: The Art of Paper Cutting; DIY Sky Lanterns; Chinese Calligraphy Demonstration; Red Envelope Folktales
 - Location: El Paso Museum of Art, C2 Gallery
- Korean Games and Sae-Bae (Traditional Bowing) with the Korean American Association of El Paso
 Location: El Paso Museum of History, Seminar Room
- Snake & Lantern Making with Frontera Arts & Education Collaborative
 Location: El Paso Museum of History, First Floor
- Zodiac Activities and DIY Beaded Snakes with the Mexican American Cultural Center
 Location: Cleveland Square Park
- Hands-On Activities from La Nube STEAM Discovery Center including: Let's Make a Kite!; Fireworks in a Jar; and Lunar New Year Slime
 - Location: La Nube
- The Archaeology of the Chinese Sojourner Immigrants in Downtown El Paso by the El Paso Museum of Archaeology at 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
 - Location: El Paso Museum of History, Orientation Theatre
- T.E.A. K-Pop Performances at 12 p.m. and 2 p.m.
 Location: El Paso Museum of Art, Lobby

The celebration continues with a cultural procession at 3 p.m., featuring vibrant traditional attire and items, winding through the Downtown Arts District. Following the procession, attendees can enjoy the dragon dance and other cultural performances at 4 p.m. in Cleveland Square Park.

Local food vendors will be stationed near the El Paso Museum of History, offering a variety of delicious treats. Attendees can also explore Lunar New Year-themed pop-up exhibits curated by the El Paso Museum of History, El Paso Museum of Archaeology, and El Paso Museum of Art. Festive décor throughout the event venues will add to the celebratory atmosphere.

This event is made possible thanks to the generous support of Craze Yogurt, Chase Bank, and the City of El Paso. For more information about the El Paso Museum of History and the Lunar New Year Celebration, visit <u>www.EPMuseumOfHistory.org</u>.



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