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New movie ‘Backyard Wilderness’ to open February 2 at Great Lakes Science Center

CLEVELAND (January 8, 2018) – The magic of nature is all around us every day. You don’t need to travel to a National Park or a far off coast to experience it. When you’re ready, it’s right there waiting for you in your own back yard.

Take a trip to the great outdoors right outside your door with Great Lakes Science Center when “Backyard Wilderness” opens Saturday, February 2 in the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater.

Spanning a seasonal year around a typical suburban home, the film displays a stunning array of unique wildlife imagery and behavior – all captured by cameras mounted inside dens and nests, and moving along the forest floor and the bottom of a pond. The film follows Katie, a young girl, and her family who at first are overly engaged with their busy lives and electronic devices. But soon, Katie begins to explore the beauty of nature right outside, and uncovers some of nature’s secrets that we so often overlook.

From a den of coyote pups and a nest of wood ducks to tadpoles, salamanders and a family of white-tail deer, the film reveals our animal neighbors in rare and breathtaking detail.

“Backyard Wilderness” is an Arise Media/Archipelago Films production in collaboration with HHMI Tangled Bank Studios, and is being released by SK Films. It was produced and directed by Andrew Young and Susan Todd, who wrote the film together with SK Film’s Wendy MacKeigan.

(Editor’s Note: The Science Center’s fall/winter operating hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays. The Science Center is closed on Mondays.)

About Great Lakes Science Center

Great Lakes Science Center, home of the NASA Glenn Visitor Center, makes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) come alive for more than 300,000 visitors a year through hundreds of hands-on exhibits, temporary exhibitions, the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater, Steamship *William G. Mather*, daily science demonstrations, seasonal camps, and more. The Science Center is funded in part by the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. Visit **GreatScience.com** for more information.

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