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**Reveal the Secrets of an Ancient Tomb**

University of Arkansas Center for Math and Science Education presents  
the Mystery of the Mayan Medallion

**Fayetteville, AR (December 15, 2007)** – The secrets of an ancient world await as you enter the ancient world of Palenque, Mexico, where the Maya prospered for thousands of years. The Mystery of the Mayan Medallion, presented by the University of Arkansas Center for Mathematics and Science Education, will be in Fayetteville at the Walton Arts Centers' Joy Pratt Markham Gallery from January 7 until March 8, 2008. The exhibit will make its way across the state thanks to the Arkansas Discovery Network, a network of seven discovery center partners funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

In this immersive exhibit, you are transported to Palenque, where an archaeological team has mysteriously disappeared from a dig site while investigating rumors of a priceless jade medallion buried in the ruins. Parents and children can follow the clues the team left behind to locate the precious medallion. But, visitors are urged not to forget to heed the warning signs to avoid the same fate.

The Mystery of the Mayan Medallion was developed by The Arkansas Discovery Network specifically for Arkansas and the Network's partner museums. This exhibit uses the mystery and intrigue of the Mayan empire to explore math, science and history in a unique and interesting way sure to capture the attention of all who visit.

"We are very excited about this particular exhibit. Everyone likes a good 'who done it' and this experience blends just the right amount of mystery into real science and history," said Lynne Hehr, Director of the Center for Math and Science Education. For more information or for school or group reservations, call 479-575-3875.

### **About the Arkansas Discovery Network**

The Arkansas Discovery Network, funded by the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, works to strengthen partner museums by sharing resources and expanding discovery learning opportunities throughout the state. Member museums include the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock, Mid-America Science Museum in Hot Springs, Arts and Science Center for Southeast Arkansas in Pine Bluff, Texarkana Museum System in Texarkana, Arkansas Museum of Natural Resources in Smackover, Arkansas State University Museum in Jonesboro and the University of Arkansas Center for Mathematics and Science Education in Fayetteville. Visit the website at [www.arkansasdiscoverynetwork.org](http://www.arkansasdiscoverynetwork.org)

### **About the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation**

The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation, headquartered in Las Vegas, is a national philanthropic organization founded in 1954 by the late media entrepreneur for whom it is named. The Foundation is one of the 50 largest private foundations in the United States.

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