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It's chocks away for Museum sleepovers

Date: 2 March (fully booked) / 13 April / 11 May 2019 **Time:** 6.30pm to 10am the following day **Cost:** £35 per child / £5 per adult

Get your sleeping bags at the ready.....it's chocks away for the 2019 'Pillows and Pilots' sleepovers at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford.

Youngsters are being offered the exclusive opportunity to set up camp in the Museum's National Cold War Exhibition, where they will sleep amongst the planes, tanks and missiles!

Suitable for youth groups aged 7-15 years, the night at the Museum will be packed with plenty of fun interactive activities. Have a go at launching K'Nex rocket cars and compete for prizes, stand under the Vulcan and drop parachutes off the balcony aiming for the target below, take part in craft activities and even dress up in RAF uniforms for the wartime photobooth where children can select their props and pose for a picture as a memento of the evening.

Following the evenings activities, attendees will take-off to the auditorium to watch a fun movie, before settling down for the night nestled amongst the historic aircraft. Everyone will be provided with a 'Pillows and Pilot' colouring and activity pack, so there won't be time to get restless during the night if you're wide awake and everyone else is sleeping!

A continental breakfast will be served the following morning and youngsters will have early bird access to the Museum Shop and Test Flight hangar including the Fun 'n' Flight interactive area, with a 50% discount voucher for a ride on the 4D Experience.

RAF Museum Cosford Public Events Manager, Abi Betteridge said:

"We are offering groups the once in a lifetime chance to spend a night in the Museum. Not only will they have the chance to explore the National Cold War Exhibition to themselves, they will also have an evening full of activities and a themed film! With one of three dates already fully booked, we would recommend any groups who would like to enjoy this unique experience to book quick!"

Three sleepover dates are scheduled for 2019, each event can cater for up to 200 children and group leaders. The first sleepover scheduled for Saturday 2 March is already fully booked however spaces are still available for groups to book on to two more dates; Saturday 13 April (girls only) and Saturday 11 May (mixed groups).

Sleepovers at the RAF Museum Cosford are suitable for organised groups of children (Brownies, Guides, Cubs, Scouts and Cadets) aged 7-15 years. They cost £35.00 per child and £5.00 per adult, with a ratio of 1 adult for 8 children. Minimum of 16 children and 2 adults per booking (additional adults cost £35). Groups also have the option to purchase a 'Pillows and Pilots' woven badge for just

£1.00. There are limited spaces available for each sleepover, see <u>www.rafmuseum.org/cosford</u> for more details and to make a booking.

Ends...

Notes to Editors:

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- Open daily from 10am
- Admission to the Royal Air Force Museum is free of charge.
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