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Nickelodeon's SpongeBob SquarePants to appear at AAA Great Vacations EXPO *Kids Day to feature Nickelodeon's favorite, Snoopy, baby giraffe and much more*

Columbus, Ohio – Everyone's favorite Nickelodeon's star, SpongeBob SquarePants, will be a featured guest at the AAA Great Vacations EXPO on Kids Day on Saturday, January 21, 2012. From 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. (with a few rest breaks), this wildly popular cartoon character will be on hand at the EXPO to meet guests and pose for pictures. *SpongeBob SquarePants* is the longest running show on Nickelodeon. SpongeBob SquarePants and his various friends spend episodes adventuring in the underwater city of Bikini Bottom.

Designed to entertain kids of all ages, Kids Day at the EXPO kicks off at 10 a.m. and will be packed with family-friendly fun. Special events throughout the day will let kids experience an incredible line-up of activities, events and workshops designed just for them. In addition to SpongeBob's appearance, guests can meet favorite mascots and characters, take part in hands-on kids' activities and enjoy family entertainment, including:

- The first 300 kids will receive coloring activity books from Universal Orlando® Resort.
- The first 250 kids will receive Mickey Treats from Disney World.
- *Snoopy* the loveable Beagle from the comic strip *Peanuts*, by Charles M. Schulz, will also be at the EXPO all day to meet guests and pose for pictures with fans. *Snoopy* comes to the EXPO from *Planet Snoopy* at Cedar Point Amusement Park/Resorts.
- The "Passport for Prizes" activity will encourage guests to visit attractions and exhibits throughout the EXPO, have their passport stamped and enter to win a family vacation to the new LEGOLAND Florida.
- At Noon, an unforgettable menagerie introduces kids to the unique animals found at The Farm at Walnut Creek in Ohio's Amish Country, including a Grevy Zebra, a Dromedary Camel, an African Crested Porcupine and a McCaw and other special birds and animals.
- The CW Columbus lets kids design their own luggage tags, enjoy activities, mascots, and giveaways.
- Back by popular demand, Marmon Valley Farm's Stick Horse Rodeo at 2 p.m. pits pint-sized pony riders against one another in a fun test of speed and agility.

The AAA Great Vacations EXPO opens Friday, January 20 and runs through Sunday, January 22, at Franklin County Veterans Memorial in downtown Columbus. Show hours are Friday 12 p.m. - 8 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. – 8 p.m., and Sunday 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. Tickets are available at the door or at any AAA Ohio Auto Club store for \$9 or \$6 for any AAA member. Children ages 16 and under are admitted at no charge. For additional event details or to purchase tickets in advance, visit www.AAAGreatVacations.com.

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