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### **STAR WARS AT THE CENTER: STAR WARS, THE EMPIRE STRIKES BACK, AND RETURN OF THE JEDI**

SUFFOLK, VA (December 16, 2021): Join Suffolk Tourism, in partnership with the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts, as they proudly present **Star Wars at the Center**, a series of epic space adventures that became a worldwide pop-culture phenomenon and defined a new generation of cinema blockbusters. The series kicks off on Friday, January 14, 2022, when the original *Star Wars* comes to the big screen. The series will continue on February 11 with *The Empire Strikes Back* and conclude with *Return of the Jedi* on March 11. Admission is \$2 per person, and the movies will begin at 7 p.m. There will be prize giveaways and costumes are welcome! To purchase tickets, please contact the Suffolk Center for Cultural Arts box office at 757.923.2900 or visit [www.SuffolkCenter.org](http://www.SuffolkCenter.org).

*Star Wars*: Luke Skywalker joins forces with a Jedi Knight, a cocky pilot, a Wookiee, and two droids to save the galaxy from the Empire's world-destroying battle station, while also attempting to rescue Princess Leia from the mysterious Darth Vader. The all-star cast includes Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher, Harrison Ford, Alec Guinness, and James Earl Jones. This 1977 film is rated PG and has a running time of 121 minutes.

*The Empire Strikes Back*: The Empire has forced the Rebellion into hiding, and Luke Skywalker, Han Solo, Princess Leia, and their friends face attack by the Imperial forces on the ice planet of Hoth. While Han and Leia escape in the Millennium Falcon, Luke travels to the Dagobah System in search of Yoda. Only with the Jedi Master's help will Luke survive when the Dark Side of the Force beckons him into the ultimate duel with Darth Vader. The

all-star cast includes Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Mark Hamill, Billy Dee Williams, and James Earl Jones. This 1980 film is rated PG and has a running time of 124 minutes.

*Return of the Jedi:* After a daring mission to rescue Han Solo from Jabba the Hutt, the Rebel Alliance races to the moon of Endor to destroy the second Death Star. Meanwhile, Luke struggles to help Darth Vader back from the Dark Side without falling into the Emperor's trap. The all-star cast includes Mark Hamill, Harrison Ford, Carrie Fisher, Billy Dee Williams, Ian McDiarmid, and James Earl Jones. This 1983 movie is rated PG and has a running time of 131 minutes.

For questions about the movies, please contact the Suffolk Visitor Center at 757-514-4130 or log onto [www.VisitSuffolkVa.com](http://www.VisitSuffolkVa.com) for details. You may also call the Suffolk Center Box Office at 757-923-2900 or visit [www.SuffolkCenter.org](http://www.SuffolkCenter.org).