

Kids' spy adventure starts today in Dallas

This is the first episode in a multi-story spy adventure involving North Texas kids Emma, Josh and Juan. Be sure to read all the stories in upcoming editions of neighborsgo now through Jan. 4, 2010, during "The Science of Spying" exhibition at the Museum of Nature & Science.

"I'm going to find out all your 'boys-club-only' secrets!" Emma exclaimed. Seeing her brother Josh's puzzled look, she pointed to her *neighborsgo*. "A spy adventure starts this week, plus a spy school is opening at the end of May, and I am going to learn all about how real spies work so you can never hide things from me again!"

Josh grinned at his younger sister. She'd probably be pretty disappointed if she knew the so-called "secrets" he and his best friend Juan kept from her. Teasing her was what made it fun. He'd have to be sure and text Juan about this news.

"It says here that a scavenger hunt starts today with prizes given away to celebrate the opening of the Museum of Nature & Science's 'The Science of Spying' exhibition. They're going to teach real spy stuff like disguises, gadgets, lie-detecting and code-breaking."

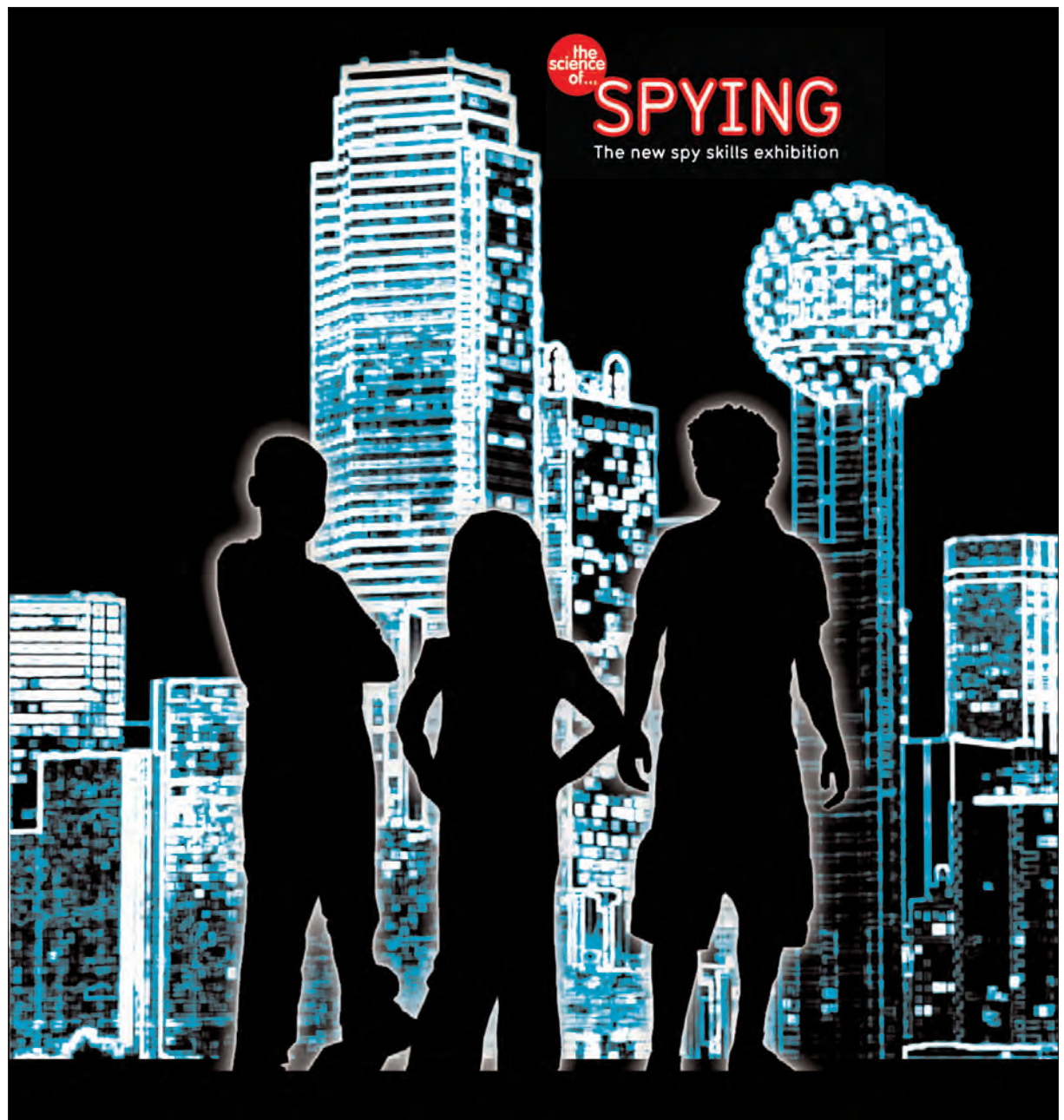
"I don't need to learn lie-detecting," Josh said. "I always know when you are fibbing. Still, I can't have you learning things to use against me. And Mom won't let you take the bus by yourself, so I better go along. Where do we start?"

Emma silently fumed. Taking the wrong train that one time was an honest mistake, and now Josh never let her forget it. But she really wanted to go. She'd win a big prize and show him that he didn't know everything.

"The hunt is at different places in Dallas: At the public library branches, at different stores in NorthPark Center and at the DART store. Plus there will be clues online and in *neighborsgo* every week, too. We take our answers to the museum to enter, and then they have drawings on Memorial Day weekend," Emma said.

She decided not to tell him that he could increase his chances of winning by finding and entering more clues. She could keep secrets, too.

— By Cynthia Stine on behalf of the Museum of Nature & Science in Dallas.



Clue No. 1: Substitution Code

Calling all junior spies! Join our spy adventure and crack the code. Each number represents a letter and vice versa.

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Puzzles, clues, games and stories can be found at natureand-science.org/spying. Scavenger hunt clues and rules can be found at dart.org, northparkcenter.com and dallaslibrary.org. Visit Emma's Facebook page at "Emma SpyKid," or follow along on twitter: @EmmaSpyKid.