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Children's Science Center Rolls Out Plans for Upcoming Summer Camps and Opens Applications for Family Science Night

Northern Virginia (March 12, 2015) - The Children's Science Center is proud to be embarking on our third year of our popular and successful Family Science Night program and unveiling our inaugural Adventures in STEM summer camp program.

FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

The Family Science Night program has grown to serve 45 schools in seven jurisdictions throughout the region in the 2014-2015 academic year. The Center's Family Science Night is a two-hour evening program that combines science learning and family bonding with school community participation. The Children's Science Center brings its hands-on activities to demonstrate a variety of scientific principles and make STEM-learning fun, accessible, and more appealing to today's students.

Praise for Family Science Night

Parents, students, and teachers from schools that have hosted the Center's Family Science Night praise the events:

"I have received so much positive feedback about our Family Science Night from kids, parents, and school faculty. All of the kids seemed to be having great fun and learning something new. It was such a unique opportunity for our school!" said Lauren Barton, Forestville Elementary PTA VP-Curriculum Enhancement.

"What a wonderful night - the kids were all so engaged and excited! The event ignited a spark (many sparks)!" said Cindy Watson, Great Falls Elementary School PTA President-Elect.

"What a fantastic program that you put on for our school! The comments were wonderful and I personally know that my science-obsessed son visited every booth at least three times and still couldn't get enough! Thank you again for giving us this wonderful opportunity," said Amy Allen, Oakton Elementary School PTA President.

Family Science Night Application Process

Due to an abundance of interest in this program, the Children's Science Center is conducting a blind drawing on May 1, 2015 to select schools to host a Family Science Night during the 2015-2016 academic year. **All applications must be received by close of business on April 30, 2015 in order to be entered in the drawing.** Schools or organizations selected in the blind drawing will be notified as soon as possible after the drawing.

To enter the blind drawing, please fill out the application form located on the Children's Science Center website at <http://childsci.org/current-news/> and return to schooloutreach@childsci.org. Further questions may be directed to Director of Education Lori Ann Terjesen at (703) 439-4009 or via the email address above.

ADVENTURES IN STEM SUMMER CAMP

The Children's Science Center is opening registration for its first-ever summer camp, Adventures in STEM. Campers will embrace science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) to build the skills that will serve as their tool set for the future. The camp combines fun activities, hands-on labs, engineering challenges, digital investigations, and more!

Children's Science Center camps are designed for rising grades 4-8. Campers can choose from four different themed sessions: Water, Water, All Around Us; Super Power; Build it Better and Top Secret: C1pher n edoC. Camp is located at the Children's Science Center Lab at Fair Oaks Mall which is planned to open in June 2015.

"Our Adventures in STEM camp offers students the opportunity to have fun and extend learning within a hands-on, interactive museum setting, unique in our region. Offering such special programs at our new Lab at Fair Oaks Mall is a top priority as we work to give children meaningful opportunities to explore, create and be inspired in STEM," said Children's Science Center Executive Director Nene Spivy.

Registration is now open and early registrants can enjoy \$20 off registration if they register by May 1. To learn more or register, please visit childsci.org/camp.

About the Children's Science Center:

The Children's Science Center is an interactive museum for children being planned for the Dulles region of Northern Virginia that will offer hands-on exhibits, activities and programs focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). Currently in our first phase, Museum Without Walls, we bring hands-on science activities to thousands of children in our area, allowing us to fulfill our mission before our doors open, to instill a love of learning STEM in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create, and be inspired. Phase II is the Children's Science Center Lab, a hands-on, interactive exploration center planned to open in June 2015 at Fair Oaks Mall. Phase III, a world-class children's science museum will be constructed at the Kincora development in Dulles, Virginia. The Children's Science Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization.

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