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Children's Science Center Announces Summer Challenge

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May 24, 2016 (Northern Virginia) --- The Children's Science Center, a non-profit organization whose mission is to instill a love of learning of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in all children, has teamed up with Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association (AFCEA NOVA) for a Walk, Run, Bike Challenge. Three military veterans from AFCEA NOVA are taking part of the TransAmerica Cycle for STEM program and bicycle across the United States while raising money to donate to the Children's Science Center. The trip will take three months and cover 4,200 miles.

The riders will begin in Astoria, Oregon on August 1 and end their trek in Yorktown, Virginia on October 23. Children and their families are invited to participate in the Walk, Run, Bike Challenge which runs now through July 24. Registrants of the challenge are asked to track their daily activity and collectively try to match the distance of the three riders biking across America, all while learning and exploring the science related to exercise and nutrition.

"The TransAmerica Cycle for STEM team inspired us to create a summer challenge and celebration that gets families involved and engaged in learning and enjoying physical activity together. Summer time is the perfect time for fun, family learning!" said Nene Spivy, Executive Director of the Children's Science Center.

Everyone is invited to meet one of the riders on July 24 at the Children's Science Center's Summer of Science Celebration held in the Grand Court of Fair Oaks Mall. This **free** event is open to the public to enjoy hands on STEM activities, live entertainment, guest speakers and more. For more information and to register for the Walk, Run, Bike Challenge, visit <http://childsci.org/summer-challenge/>.

About the Children's Science Center:

The Children's Science Center's mission is to instill a love of learning science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create and be inspired. The Children's Science Center Lab is located at Fair Oaks Mall and is Northern Virginia's first interactive museum where children, families and school groups can explore STEM concepts through fun, engaging hands-on exhibits, activities and programs. In addition to the Lab and community programs, the Center is working to fulfill the vision of a full-scale, world-class children's science museum to be located in Dulles, VA. The Children's Science Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. Learn more at www.childsci.org.

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