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## **NEWS**

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### **The Children's Science Center Celebrates Three Years with Special Events**

*Spread your wings and discover something new in our full schedule of summer activities*

**FAIRFAX, VA, JUNE 20, 2018** --- The Children's Science Center Lab is celebrating three years of fun, engaging programs and exhibits at its Fair Oaks Mall location which opened in 2015. Children and their families are invited to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration on Saturday, June 23, where they can enjoy \$3.00 off general admission. In addition, the first 100 families will receive a take-home activity from our popular Experiment Bar! This day, made possible by generous donations, provides accessibility, promotes family learning, and supports the Center's mission to instill a love of learning STEM in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create, and be inspired.

The Children's Science Center celebration continues all summer long with a "Spread Your Wings... and Discover Something New" theme which includes several activities and programs tied to birds:

- **Special "Spread Your Wings" Programs:** Every day, in addition to our regular exhibits and experiments, visitors can experience pop-up demos, scavenger hunts, and a live bird cam. Plus, we have celebrity scientists hosting special workshops throughout the summer.
- **Native Bird Photo Gallery:** The Lab's walls come alive this summer with amazing photographs of Virginia's native birds donated by local photographer, Keith Freeburn.
- **Citizen Science Program "Celebrate Urban Birds":** Everyone is invited to help us count and record data on birds in our community as part of our Citizen Scientist Program – "Celebrate Urban Birds". This free program is offered in partnership with the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia and Dominion Energy. Pick up information at the Lab or visit [childsci.org/citizen](http://childsci.org/citizen).
- **Bird Walk:** In partnership with Loudoun Water, we are hosting a free bird walk and tour of Loudoun Water on July 22. Please register for this free program at: [childsci.org/community-programs/](http://childsci.org/community-programs/).
- **Celebration of Science Celebration:** The Children's Science Center will host its annual Summer of Science Celebration in the Grand Court of Fair Oaks Mall on Saturday, August 4, from 1-4 pm. This free event, open to families of all ages, will offer hands-on activities, live raptors (like owls and hawks!) and a science show! No registration is required.

For more information about our "Spread Your Wings" summer events, visit [childsci.org/events](http://childsci.org/events).

#### **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](http://www.childsci.org).

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