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## The Children's Science Center Lab Celebrates 4 Years of Fun!

The Children's Science Center Lab celebrated its fourth year of operations at Fair Oaks Mall on Saturday, June 15, 2019. Members, donors, and special guests were invited to attend a "4 Ever" Fun Celebration before the Lab opened to the public and explore two new exhibits courtesy of the Philip L. Graham Fund. The Air Rockets exhibit allows visitors to experiment with varying degrees of air pressure to achieve different results with each launch of their rocket. Pixel Pegs is a beautiful and highly-interactive exhibit in the Discovery Zone that can be linked together to form colorful, artistic displays.

The Children's Science Center is proud to partner with the Audubon Naturalist Society this summer to present their 2019 Citizen Scientist Project: Creek Critters teaches users how to find and identify small organisms –or critters– that live in freshwater streams, and then generate stream health reports based on what they find. Stop by your local stream and take a selfie, show it to a team member at the Lab, and receive a free net to help with your Citizen Scientist stream report. #CreekCritters!

In addition, the Lab is hosting an XSTREAM Summer of Science; full of activities to tie into the Citizen Scientist Project. Join a free Stream Walk at Loudoun Water, test the new XSTREAM Chemistry experiment at the Experiment Bar, dive into a scavenger hunt, celebrate Shark Week, and much more! To engage in meaningful science this summer and learn more, visit [childsci.org](http://childsci.org).



Air Rockets Exhibit



(L to R) ChildSci Staff Mike Tillman, Jenn Brunner, Nene Spivy, Jill McNabb, Dorothy Ready, Kara Jonach, Laahiri Chalasani

**About the Children's Science Center:**

The Children's Science Center's mission is to inspire a love of learning science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) by providing unique opportunities to explore and create. 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, interactive 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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