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Children's Science Center Lab Reopens for Summer!

Fairfax, VA, June 22, 2021 -- Summer is officially here and families all across the region are looking for inventive and fun ways to spend time together and provide their children with enriching learning experiences. The Northern Virginia Science Center Foundation has the solution as it reopened the Children's Science Center Lab on weekends for families and during weekdays for both virtual and in-person summer camps, as well as its mobile outreach programs.

Campers will embrace fun themes in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to build the skills that will serve as their tool set for the future. STEM educators will ignite childrens' curiosity about STEM in their everyday lives and enable them to make new friends from around the region. Virtual camps will consist of three hours of structured Zoom sessions with fun games, hand-on activities, science demonstrations, animal encounters and behind-the-scenes activities with expert STEM educators. Virtual experiences include:

- **Chemistry 101** - Week of June 29th and July 26th
- **Online Design** - Week of June 21st and July 19th
- **Robo Fun** - Week of July 5th and August 2nd
- **Amazing World of Chain Reactions** - Week of July 12th and August 9th

In person camps will be six hour sessions with themes designed for rising 1st - 5th grades creating catapults, making slime, meeting animals, and designing a new museum. New this year as part of pandemic safety protocols, campers will be able to spread out and have the exclusive use of the entire Lab!

In-person camp experiences include:

- **Slimey Science** - Week of June 21st, July 19th and August 16th
- **Dream It Build It** - Week of June 28th and July 26th
- **Dig It!** - Week of July 5th and August 2nd
- **Medieval Mayhem** - Week of July 12th and August 9th

In addition to weekday camps, the Lab is now open to the public every weekend with timed-entry admission sessions. “We are thrilled to open our doors to the community after this challenging year,” said Nene Spivy, Executive Director of the Northern Virginia Science Center Foundation. “Our team is excited and ready to have families and children back in the Lab, providing much needed interaction, healthy social-emotional experiences, and reinvigorating each child’s excitement for learning STEM.”

For more information, camp registration and to purchase weekend timed-entry tickets, please visit childsci.org.

About the Northern Virginia Science Center Foundation

The Northern Virginia Science Center Foundation is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that operates the Children’s Science Center Lab at Fair Oaks Mall and STEM programs traveling to schools and other community venues across the region. The Foundation is helping develop the Northern Virginia Science Center in partnership with the Science Museum of Virginia through a pivotal public private partnership that also includes Loudoun County and critical support from the private sector. The Science Center will be located in Dulles, VA and will be a world-class, interactive museum for families, students, and learners of all ages that will spark and sustain the natural curiosity in all of us. Learn more about the mission and childsci.org and the vision for the future at novasci.org.

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