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State Museum to Hold
“Girls in Science Day” June 24

Columbia, S.C. - More than 125 middle school girls (and boys) will gather to learn about careers in science during “Girls in Science Day” at the South Carolina State Museum on June 24 from noon to 5 p.m. Now in its sixth year at the museum, the goal of “Girls in Science Day” is to provide young girls with opportunities to engage in hands-on science and math activities, meet and talk with women from different science fields and recognize the need for women to pursue careers in these fields.

“We want girls to get excited about careers in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics!” said State Museum Director of Operations Meika Samuel. “Quite often that spark is ignited at the middle school age. Our co-hosts, ETV, Westinghouse and U.S. Women in Nuclear, are natural partners for this special program as well as serving as excellent role models for students.”

Among the activities participants will enjoy is a special screening of “Rocket Girls & Astronettes,” filmed on location at the National Air and Space Museum. Featuring early women pioneers of the space industry, the documentary is narrated by Mae Jemison, the first African-American female astronaut.

Fascination for the stars and planets is further explored in two new activities: StarLab, the State Museum’s portable planetarium dome, and Telescope Encounters, conducted by the museum’s director of education and resident telescope expert, Tom Falvey.

The always-popular Career and Information Fair will feature new exhibitors Pure Power

Technologies and IT-ology as well as long-time supporters SCANA, South Carolina Governor's School for Science and Mathematics, Savannah River Mediation, USC College of Engineering & Computing, SCETV and Westinghouse. In addition, the youngsters will explore the museum's science and technology exhibits.

Pre-registration is required. Four groups will cycle through all activities beginning at 1:25, 2:10, 2:55 and 3:40 p.m.

"The State Museum is proud to have offered this unique program for the last six years," said Samuel. "Our mission to educate has been expanded into engaging these young girls in a creative, innovative way that is just for them. Who knows how many of our future astronauts, engineers or physicists will have gotten their inspiration on a day such as this?"

For more information about "Girls in Science Day" and to register, visit www.knowitall.org/girlsinscienceday or contact Meika Samuel at the State Museum, (803) 898-4989 or Meika.samuel@scmuseum.org.

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CUTLINE FOR GIRLS IN SCIENCE DAY

Middle school girls (and boys) will find lots to enjoy as they learn about careers in science at Girls in Science Day on Friday, June 24 at the South Carolina State Museum.

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