



The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian is Hosting Science Saturday in Conjunction with Mississippi Science Fest

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(Meridian, Miss)—The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian (MCM-Meridian) is celebrating STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics) on September 18th in conjunction with the Mississippi Science Fest hosted by the LeFleur Museum District in Jackson, MS.

Science Saturday aims to create interest in STEAM education and promote career exploration through a fun, hands-on event for all ages. Children will be introduced to real-world scientists from industries and organizations in East Mississippi while engaging in unique activities led by exhibitors.

Organizations exhibiting during Science Saturday will include **Anderson Regional Cancer Center** with a DNA chain-making activity, **Algix** with a plastic polymer craft station, **East Mississippi Electric Power Association's** electricity-generating bike and circuit light up wand activity, and **Mississippi Department of Transportation's** environmental road building and litter prevention activity featuring mascot, Myrtle the Turtle.

Leading up to Science Saturday, MCM-Meridian will host a very limited number of students from area schools for **Field Trip Friday** on September 17th. Selected students will be attending thanks to the Community Foundation of East Mississippi's Excellence in Education Grant. Exhibitors from Science Saturday will also be participating in this event in addition to the **Raider Robotics** team at Lamar Schools, the **Early Education Technology program at Meridian Community College**, the **Meridian Symphony Association**, and **Southern Cast Products**.

Other local events happening in conjunction with the Mississippi Science Fest include **Maker Faire Meridian** at the Soulé Steam Feed Works and **The Mississippi Arts and Entertainment Experience (The MAX)** with a Make + Take activity. Together, these events will provide a first-class experience for families in Meridian to explore STEAM in multiple settings and start the conversation about the importance of STEAM education.

Tickets to MCM-Meridian’s Science Saturday event will be \$10 per person. For event details, please visit the museum’s website at: <https://mschildrensmuseum.org/event/science-saturday/>

About the Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian

The Mississippi Children’s Museum - Meridian (MCM - Meridian) is the East Mississippi satellite campus of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum (MCM)—a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that creates unparalleled experiences to inspire excellence and a lifelong joy of learning. MCM-Meridian is a 25,000-square-foot facility with exhibit space designed around three primary initiatives: Literacy; STEAM; and Health and Nutrition with Cultural Arts and Mississippi History woven throughout all galleries. Outdoors is a 25,000-square-foot exhibit gallery that allows children a safe and magical space to explore and enrich the learning experience. The museum’s exhibits, programs, and outreach opportunities provide engaging, explorative, hands-on educational activities for children of all ages. MCM - Meridian is a strategic part of the statewide Mississippi Children’s Museum which is dedicated to inspiring ALL of Mississippi’s children from ALL backgrounds to discover and achieve their potential. To learn more about MCM – Meridian, visit www.mcmmeridian.org.

About Mississippi Science Fest

The goal of the Mississippi Science Fest is to create an inclusive environment that inspires children and families to come together to experience hands-on activities based on science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM) concepts to uncover possible careers for children in Mississippi. This annual event is hosted by the LeFleur Museum District (LMD) in Jackson, MS. Bus transportation is included in the admission price to conveniently travel between museums at your own pace. Members of LMD are the Mississippi Children’s Museum, Mississippi Agriculture and Forestry Museum, Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame & Museum. To learn more, please visit www.mssciencefest.org.

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