



The Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian Celebrates Careers in STEAM During *Science Saturday* Event

MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM - MERIDIAN

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Meridian, Miss. (Sept. 16, 2024) — MCM-Meridian is hosting its fourth annual **Science Saturday** event presented by NSPARC and held in conjunction with the Mississippi Science Festival (MSF) presented by C Spire! These events aim to create excitement around STEAM education in children across the state.

During Science Saturday, children and families are invited to engage with STEAM leaders and explore potential careers in Mississippi. From 10am to 3pm, various organizations will showcase their industry and work through unique exhibits, allowing guests to interact and learn from them.

In the days leading up to Science Saturday, MCM-Meridian will host two additional events designed for elementary students and their chaperones:

- **September 19: C Spire C3 Jr. Coding Challenge** – Eight schools from across the state have been invited to the Mississippi Children's Museum in Jackson and Meridian to participate in C3 Jr, a coding challenge uniquely designed for elementary age students. Teams comprised of four fourth grade students will be guided through coding challenges by a C Spire Mentor, treated to lunch compliments of C Spire, and participate in an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the challenge.

- **September 20: Field Trip Friday** - An interactive field trip day where students can meet STEAM professionals and engage with their exhibits.

This year's exhibitors for Field Trip Friday and Science Saturday include Bloom Sustainable Materials, East MS Electric Power Association, MS Department of Transportation, Lamar Robotics, MCC Childcare Technology, Meridian Symphony Orchestra, Blackbelt STEM and MSU-Advanced Composites

September 21: Science Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. All activities are included in general admission (\$10/person) and museum membership. Tickets can be purchased online or at the door. For more information, visit www.mcmmeridian.org.

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 five 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, presented by C Spire, 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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