



## The LeFleur Museum District Hosts 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi Science Festival, Presented by C Spire Foundation

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**Jackson, Miss.** – The Mississippi Science Festival (MSF) presented by C Spire Foundation, the LeFleur Museum District's (LMD) signature event, will take place **Sept. 15 - 20, 2025** in Jackson to demonstrate how careers in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) can advance Mississippi's education curriculum and workforce initiatives.

For the past decade, MSF has introduced children of all ages to the wide variety of STEAM concepts and industries that are available in Mississippi. Guests can purchase a ticket for Saturday's festival and explore all 4 museums for just \$10. On **Saturday, September 20**, exhibitors and activities will be at all four LMD museums – the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum, the Mississippi Children's Museum, and the MDWFP's Mississippi Museum of Natural Science. In addition to MSF celebrations in the Jackson, events will also take place at locations throughout the state, including the Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian, the B.B. King Museum in Indianola, the Bean Path in Jackson, The Idea Shop in Starkville, and the Walter Anderson Museum of Art in Ocean Springs. MSF is presented by the C Spire Foundation, and in partnership with Amazon, Eaton, Entergy, The Great City Mississippi Foundation, Ingalls Shipbuilding, Nissan, Ochsner Rush Health, and Southern Farm Bureau of Mississippi.

### THINK BIG: TEEN TECH DAY

**Monday, September 15 | 8:00 am – 2:30 pm**

***Mississippi Children's Museum***

Teen Tech Day, sponsored by Amazon, is an exciting new event designed specifically for teens with a passion for technology, innovation, and creative problem-solving. Inspired by our popular C Spire C3 Jr. Coding Challenge, this invitation-only event takes tech exploration to the next level, offering hands-on experiences in coding, robotics, and more. Teens will work individually and in teams to tackle challenges, build their tech skills, and discover real-world applications of STEAM.

### WORLD AT WORK RIBBON CUTTING

**Tuesday, September 16 | 10:00 am**

***Mississippi Children's Museum***

The Mississippi Children's Museum will celebrate the grand reopening of its World at Work gallery, now featuring an all-electric vehicle donated by Nissan and a *Design Studio* made possible by the Mississippi Arts Commission.

### STEAMPOSIUM + MSF KICKOFF PRESS CONFERENCE

**Wednesday, September 17 | 8:00 am – 2:30 pm**

***Jackson Convention Center***

STEAMposium, powered by Amazon and Great City Mississippi, will offer thought-provoking sessions designed to spark dialogue around AI and will feature a Press Conference at 10:30am kicking off the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual MS Science Festival, presented by the C Spire Foundation. Jackson's Mayor, John Horhn, will open with welcoming remarks, followed by a deep dive into exciting topics including "Where Innovation Meets Responsibility," "Building Bridges, Not Barriers: Ensuring AI Connects All Mississippians to Opportunity," and more. Whether you're a student, educator, business leader, or tech enthusiast, STEAMposium offers a unique opportunity to explore how emerging technologies are shaping the future of work, education, and healthcare in our state. Register Here: <https://www.mssciencefest.org/steamposium.html>

## C SPIRE C3 JR. CODING CHALLENGE

**Thursday, September 18 | 9:00am – 2:00pm**

### Mississippi Children's Museum

Twenty-five 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. C Spire mentors guide teams comprised of four fourth-grade students through coding challenges. This year the challenge will include a chatbot built with AI by C Spire in collaboration with Amazon Web Services. In addition, students are treated to lunch compliments of C Spire Foundation and participate in an awards ceremony at the conclusion of the challenge.

## FIELD TRIP FRIDAY

**Friday, September 19 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

### LeFleur Museum District

In partnership with MSF, the four LMD museums are inviting students to attend a special STEAM-themed **Field Trip Friday**. The museums will host a day dedicated to promoting STEAM subjects and increasing science literacy for field trip guests. Students attending Field Trip Friday will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on experiments, interactive exhibits, and see classroom science lessons come to life. Book your field trip by contacting any one of the museums.

## MISSISSIPPI SCIENCE FESTIVAL

**Saturday, September 20 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

### LeFleur Museum District

All four LMD museums will host a day dedicated to promoting STEAM subjects and increasing science literacy. Children and families will have the opportunity to interact with STEAM professionals, engage in hands-on activities, and explore exciting experiments and exhibits. On this special day, visitors can purchase a \$10 ticket allowing them to visit and participate in MSF festivities at all four LMD museums. A free shuttle will be provided between museums and food vendors will be onsite throughout the day at all museums.

## SCIENCE SATURDAY (SATELLITE LOCATIONS)

**Saturday, September 13 & 20**

Five additional satellite locations will offer Science Saturday activities in conjunction with the Mississippi Science Festival.

- Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian | [mcmmeridian.org](http://mcmmeridian.org)
- B.B. King Museum in Indianola (Events Happening on Sept. 13) | [bbkingmuseum.org](http://bbkingmuseum.org)
- The Bean Path in Jackson | [beanpath.org](http://beanpath.org)
- The Idea Shop in Starkville | [ideashopmsu.com](http://ideashopmsu.com)
- Walter Anderson Museum of Art in Ocean Springs | [walterandersonmuseum.org](http://walterandersonmuseum.org)

**Events for the Mississippi Science Fest will take place in Jackson on September 15-20, 2025. A full schedule of activities for the festival and event tickets can be found at [www.mssciencefest.org](http://www.mssciencefest.org). Event tickets will admit you to all four LMD museums on Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>.**

### About the LeFleur Museum District

The LeFleur Museum District (LMD) promotes four uniquely different museums and is located at a one-quarter mile stretch, just off I-55 and Lakeland Drive in Jackson, MS. Featuring the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum, the Mississippi Children's Museum, and the MDWFP's Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, the LMD's mission is to inspire visitors from around the region and nation with a sense of wonder. LMD creates opportunities for growth for all museums involved through joint events and cross-promotion of individual activities.

### About C Spire and the C Spire Foundation

C Spire is a diversified telecommunications and technology services company that provides world-class customer- inspired service and a superior comprehensive suite of wireless communications, high-speed Internet access and a range of other telecommunications products and services to consumers and businesses. The C Spire Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and its mission is to support STEM education that strengthens digital literacy, technology and professional skills development for students in grades K-12 and at institutions of higher learning in Mississippi. For more information about C Spire or the C Spire Foundation, visit [www.cspire.com](http://www.cspire.com) or follow on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cspire](http://www.facebook.com/cspire) or Twitter at [www.twitter.com/cspire](http://www.twitter.com/cspire).

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