The LeFleur Museum District Hosts 11th Annual Mississippi Science Festival, Presented by C Spire Foundation

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Jackson, Miss. – The Mississippi Science Festival (MSF) presented by the C Spire Foundation, and hosted by the LeFleur Museum District's (LMD), returns **Sept. 14 - 19, 2026,** in Jackson. The festival will highlight the impact of STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) careers and their role in strengthening Mississippi's education system and workforce development efforts.

For the past decade, the Mississippi Science Festival has inspired students and families by showcasing the diverse STEAM opportunities and industries that thrive across Mississippi. On **Saturday, Sept. 19,** visitors can purchase a festival ticket and enjoy access to all four LeFleur Museum District museums for just $10. Festival exhibits and hands-on activities will be featured at the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum, the Mississippi Children's Museum, and the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks' Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

In addition to the Jackson-area festivities, Mississippi Science Festival events will take place at locations across the state, including the Mississippi Children's Museum-Meridian, the B.B. King Museum in Indianola, The Bean Path in Jackson, and the Walter Anderson Museum of Art in Ocean Springs. The Mississippi Science Festival is presented by the C Spire Foundation and in partnership with Amazon, Eaton, Entergy, the Great City Mississippi Foundation, Ingalls Shipbuilding, the Nissan Foundation, Ochsner Rush Health and Southern Farm Bureau of Mississippi.

THINK BIG: TEEN TECH DAY

Monday, September 14 | 8:00 am – 2:30 pm
Mississippi Children's Museum
Teen Tech Day, sponsored by Amazon, is an exciting event designed specifically for teens with a passion for technology, innovation, and creative problem-solving. Inspired by our popular C Spire C3 Jr. 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.

TINKER TUESDAY

Tuesday, September 15 | 10:00 am
Mississippi Children's Museum & Mississippi Museum of Natural Science
Tinker Tuesday is a special field trip opportunity for K3 – 4th grade students that builds curiosity and early STEAM skills through play and exploration. Students rotate through engaging activities with exhibitors and interactive lessons at the MS Children's Museum or the MS Museum of Natural Science, for a day of hands-on, discovery-based learning.

CAPITAL CITY FUTURE FORUM

Wednesday, September 16 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Jackson Convention Center

Capital City Future Forum, sponsored by Great City Mississippi Foundation, invites teachers, professionals, and students to gather and learn more about STEAM initiatives in Mississippi.

C SPIRE C3 JR. CHALLENGE

Thursday, September 17 | 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mississippi Children's Museum

Twenty-three schools from across the state have been invited to the Mississippi Children's Museum in Jackson and Meridian to participate in C3 Jr. Challenge, a computer science experience uniquely designed for elementary age students. The all-new C3 Jr. Challenge takes STEM learning to the next level with an escape-room-inspired experience. Guided by C Spire mentors, teams of fourth-grade students will solve clues, complete puzzles and navigate challenges using Dash the robot. Along the way, students build critical thinking, teamwork, communication and problem-solving skills that help prepare them for future careers and technologies shaping tomorrow's workforce. 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 18 | 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 19 | 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 locations.

SATELLITE LOCATIONS

Saturday, September 12 & 19

Four additional satellite locations will celebrate Mississippi Science Festival Saturday activities, in conjunction with the LeFleur Museum District.

- Mississippi Children's Museum – Meridian | mcmmeridian.org
- B.B. King Museum in Indianola (Events Happening on Sept. 12) | bbkingmuseum.org
- The Bean Path in Jackson | beanpath.org
- Walter Anderson Museum of Art in Ocean Springs | walterandersonmuseum.org

Events for the Mississippi Science Fest will take place in Jackson on September 14 - 19, 2026. A full schedule of activities for the festival and event tickets can be found at www.mssciencefest.org. Event tickets will admit you to all four LMD museums on Saturday, Sept. 19th.

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 Foundation

The C Spire Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit funded by C Spire. The Foundation supports programs and partnerships that advance STEAM education, artificial intelligence literacy, and workforce development, empowering communities and students to thrive in a rapidly evolving digital world while strengthening the areas C Spire serves. Learn more at www.cspire.com/foundation.

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