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CANDLER COUNTY 21ST CENTURY SUMMER PROGRAM VISITS CENTER

Nearly 200 kindergarten through eighth grade Candler County 21st Century Program students visited the center over three days in June. While here, students took part in age-appropriate science activities with Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center Coordinator. They also enjoyed an exciting planetarium show.

The 21st Century Learning Program provides educational enrichment programs dedicated to inspiring creativity and helping students build self-confidence.

A very special THANK YOU…to Deb Schwabe who donated several ‘Sudie’ daylily fans to the center. A beautiful flower bed was added last month, and colorful blooms are already visible. The daylilies are a charming addition to the Center grounds!

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Students will take part in the CREATE edition of Camp Invention which features modules in which students will have to solve some very interesting problems: They will need to get home after their spaceship crash lands on the Planet ZAK, they will clean up Sludge City, a town that totally destroyed its environment with pollution, they will help a flock of international rubber ducks get home, and finally, they will be tasked with building prototypes of roller coasters and other fun amusement park rides.

Local educators will facilitate program modules and enthusiastic high school and college students will serve as Leadership Interns, ensuring that one staff member is in place for every eight students. We are most grateful to the Nordson Corporation and the Mill Creek Foundation for providing scholarships for this unique camp experience.

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NEW PLANETARIUM SHOW PROVIDES STUNNING IMAGES AND INSIGHT

Space exploration— one of our greatest and most challenging adventures—is having a tremendous impact on our lives. Not only is it helping discover a universe of unimaginable scale and beauty, it is reaching back down into our world and influencing the way we live.

TO SPACE AND BACK takes us on an incredible journey from the far reaches of our known universe to our own planet. The show demonstrates how everyday life is directly affected by the technology developed for space.

Space exploration has provided incredible groundbreaking technological findings that are paving the way for new discoveries in medicine, engineering, computers, and communications. Do you own a Smartphone? A GPS? These technologies were developed for space applications or for connecting directly to satellites in orbit.

TO SPACE AND BACK, representing the most cutting edge of modern visualization, will take audiences on a journey of discovery and technological advancements. What’s happening above and beyond is coming back down to Earth.

To schedule a group visit to see TO SPACE AND BACK, please contact the Center.

EMANUEL COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS HOLD RETREAT

For two days in June, school administrators from throughout the school district took part in a leadership retreat. Principals, assistant principals, schools counselors, and central office staff reviewed policy, state test scores, discussed school improvement initiatives and legal issues related to education. Erma Jenkins, Emanuel County School Superintendent, led the sessions.

JUNE CAMPS A BIG SUCCESS!

CAMP ADVENTURE II was a huge success according to all nineteen of the 2013 campers. The University of Georgia Extension Service agents, Marnie Dekle and Angie Daughtry, provided the instruction for the fun-filled week. Campers, from grades three through five, discovered the importance of food safety, hand washing, physical activity, team-building cooperation and science. Activities included taste testing fruits and vegetables, creating fruit pizzas, duct tape decorating, hiking, and beach ball volleyball. When campers were asked to create a bumper sticker to reflect their thoughts on the camp, one of the most common responses was, “Camp Adventure ROCKS!”

ADVANCED CHESS CAMP provided a week-long focus on chess notation, end game play, sportsmanship, improving positional strategy, and tournament preparation. Instruction was provided by Mike Lisenby, Jay Youngblood, and Dr. John Simmons. Participants took part in a chess tournament during the camp, and all campers received a travel chess set and chess software at the camp’s conclusion.

CHESS TOURNAMENT WINNERS
1st Place—Daniel Rodriguez
2nd Place—Samuel White
3rd Place—Esmeralda Hernandez

GYSTC MINI-CAMPS were a big hit! Erin Youmans, Magnolia Midlands Georgia Youth Science and Technology Center Coordinator, dazzled campers with her magical science, the nature walk, and the basics of the science of sound.