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Great Lakes Science Center brings programming, loaner passes to Cleveland Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers

CLEVELAND (July 8, 2019) – Great Lakes Science Center is bringing its fun, inspiring STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programs to four different City of Cleveland Neighborhood Resource and Recreation Centers this year. This free programming continues the Science Center’s commitment to providing access to those underrepresented in STEM to boost their confidence and transform their future.

Programming begins at the Lonnie Burton Center in Cleveland’s Central neighborhood from July 22-25, with a field trip to the Science Center on July 26. The Science Center will present 20 total days of programming over the course of the next 12 months, with the location moving each quarter to spend a week at a different neighborhood center.

The city is partnering with the Science Center to combat toxic stress and trauma by providing free programming in their resource and recreation centers year-round. The city is providing a range of programming, including STEM workshops, job and career readiness training, ACT/SAT prep, ballet, chess and more.

In addition to the STEM programming, the Science Center will make a family pass available at each of the city’s resource and recreation centers, which families can check out, use to visit the Science Center, and then return for other families to use.

“We inspire students and their families to build critical skills including problem-solving, persistence and perseverance, while engaging in fun STEM activities. We also aim to break down barriers that may prevent families from visiting the Science Center,” said Vice President of STEM Learning Scott Vollmer.

The Science Center and the City of Cleveland have teamed up in relation to the neighborhood centers before, providing STEM programming at the Collinwood and Cudell centers in the summer of 2016 when the Republican National Convention made accessing the Science Center downtown more difficult for neighborhood residents.

“Through all of our outreach experiences, the Science Center seeks to improve STEM education, stimulate innovation, and cultivate creative, critical thinkers who will shape a better future for everyone,” said Vollmer. “A Science Center experience can be life-changing, and we

hope that by making it more accessible and bringing it to non-traditional settings like a recreation center, we can provide life-changing moments for everyone.”

For more information, visit www.city.cleveland.oh.us.

(Editor's note: The Science Center has returned to its seven-day-a-week summer operating hours. The museum is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. on Sundays.)

About Great Lakes Science Center

Great Lakes Science Center, home of the NASA Glenn Visitor Center, makes science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) come alive for more than 300,000 visitors a year through hundreds of hands-on exhibits, temporary exhibitions, the Cleveland Clinic DOME Theater, Steamship *William G. Mather*, daily science demonstrations, seasonal camps, and more. The Science Center is funded in part by the citizens of Cuyahoga County through Cuyahoga Arts and Culture. Visit **GreatScience.com** for more information.

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