

AT&T SC Awards Funding for ScienceSouth on Wheels

Science education in the Pee Dee area received a boost in September, courtesy of AT&T* SC. AT&T* SC awarded ScienceSouth \$25,000 to support science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education.

"ScienceSouth is very pleased with the generous support from AT&T. This funding allows ScienceSouth to continue to advance its mission of improving the science and technology skills of our children who will be our future leaders," said Jim O'Loughlin, chairman ScienceSouth Operating Board.

During the press conference at Carver Elementary School, ScienceSouth issued proclamations to Congressman James E. Clyburn and Senator Hugh K. Leatherman for their continuous support of ScienceSouth and its programming.



James O'Loughlin (ScienceSouth), Pamela Lackey (AT&T SC), Charlene Lowery (Congressman Clyburn), and Senator Hugh K. Leatherman.

"Science education is so important in our global, high-tech economy," Clyburn said in a statement. "That is why I am so supportive of the work that ScienceSouth is doing to get students excited about science. Their work is laying a foundation that will help us grow a new generation of students interested in pursuing careers in the science field that will help our state and nation remain competitive."

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STEM Saturdays Hit ScienceSouth



This September ScienceSouth kicked off the first session of STEM Saturdays, a monthly program that encourages science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) education.

"STEM will be the foundation of any job of the future," said ScienceSouth Executive Director Stephen Welch. "Our STEM Saturdays offer children a chance to have fun while learning about the different aspects of STEM."

STEM Saturdays are sponsored by Time Warner Cable's Connect A Million Minds (CAMM) initiative. "80% of the jobs in the next decade will require a strong foundation in math and science. Time

Warner Cable's Connect a Million Minds initiative focuses on providing hands-on activities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics," stated Rose Dangerfield, Director of Public Affairs/Time Warner Cable SC. "We are pleased to partner with ScienceSouth and their STEM Saturdays to inspire children to become the next generation of problem solvers," she continued.

All STEM Saturdays through December are filled. Visit www.sciencesouth.org in January to register for the first session in 2011.



Science Saturdays

Join ScienceSouth for Science Saturdays, where fun and learning never ends. Science Saturdays are held every first Saturday of the month and highlight a different area of science each time. Bring your little scientist to engage in three hours of hands-on, minds-on science fun. Science Saturdays are for children ages 5-12 and run from 9:00 am to noon at the ScienceSouth Pavilion at Freedom Florence. The cost is \$20/child, which includes a snack. Register at www.sciencesouth.org.

Upcoming Science Saturdays:

October 2: Mad Scientist

December 4: Winterpalooza

Book at
www.sciencesouth.org

Girl Scout Programs

Come join the fun with ScienceSouth! ScienceSouth will launch the first of eight Girl Scout workshops in October. This year, programs will correspond to specific age levels. The workshops will cover a variety of science themes, ranging from plant identification to energy conservation. All workshops will run from 10:00 am to noon at ScienceSouth on every second Saturday of the month, with the exception of January.

Fall 2010 Themes:

October 9: Get to Know H₂O

Scout Level: Brownies

Registration: September 13-October 4

November 13: From the Earth to the Sky

Scout Level: Daisies

Registration: October 18-November 8

December 11: Power Up

Scout Level: Juniors

Registration: October 18-November 8

Homeschool Workshops

Homeschool Science Academy (HSA) for grades K-12 is in full swing. HSA: K-8 occurs on the first and third Friday of each month from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The cost of each lab is \$10/student. There must be a minimum of 10 children registered for the workshop to take place.

Biology and chemistry tracks for HSA: 9-12 run on the last Friday of the month from 9:00-11:30 am. The cost of each lab is \$20/student.

Upcoming Homeschool Workshops:

September 24: Biology/Chemistry (9-12)

October 1 and 15: Magnetism (K-8)

October 29: Biology/Chemistry (9-12)

November 5: Conduct a science experiment (K-8)

November 19: Biology/Chemistry (9-12)

December 3: Biology (K-8)

December 17: Biology/Chemistry (9-12)

Pavilion Workshops are BACK! Visit www.sciencesouth.org for dates and descriptions.

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"ScienceSouth is a large part of science education in the Pee Dee area," Leatherman said. "I continue to be impressed by the work and the mission of ScienceSouth. AT&T recognizes the importance of ScienceSouth as well, and I thank them for their generous and ongoing support of ScienceSouth."

The AT&T grant will allow K-12 grade students across seven Pee Dee school districts the opportunity to engage in hands-on, standards-based programming.

"Education goes so much further than the classroom," said Pamela L. Lackey, state president, AT&T South Carolina. "Working with ScienceSouth, through projects like Science on Wheels, emphasizes our commitment to helping educate all our youth and better prepare them for the future by bringing the classroom to them."

School districts to receive programming are: Florence School District One, Florence School District Two, Florence School District Three, Florence School District Four, Florence School District Five, Dillon School District One, and Williamsburg County School District.