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## WonderWorks Panama City Beach Unveils Fall Programs, Includes Art Contest and National STEM Day

**PANAMA CITY BEACH, Florida – (October 14, 2021)** – WonderWorks Panama City Beach offers over 100 interactive exhibits for guests to explore and enjoy all year long. This fall, the attraction is focused on bringing their guests even more science-based learning opportunities. WonderWorks will be offering fun, educational programs for students and families this fall, such as the annual art contest, National STEM Day festivities, and a Saturdays in Space virtual "Ask An Astronaut" program.

"Fall is always an exciting time of year for us because we get to host incredible programs for our community such as our FLO-ART art contest and our National STEM Day program," said Michael Walsingham, general manager of WonderWorks Panama City Beach. "Students love getting to see their work on display at the upside-down house, and we're excited to welcome a new class of artists to the gallery."

Students and families have a variety of ways to engage at WonderWorks this fall, including with these new programs and exhibits:

- FLO-ART: This fall, WonderWorks will be opening applications for its North Florida Youth Art Gallery. This year's theme is "Imagination." Submissions are currently being acceptedonline only. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Local artists will have their work displayed in the gallery for a full year, and winners will receive free tickets to WonderWorks to see their work on display. To enter the contest or read the submission guidelines, visit the site: <a href="https://www.wonderworksonline.com/destiny/art-contest/">https://www.wonderworksonline.com/destiny/art-contest/</a>.
- Saturdays in Space Every Saturday during October, guests and followers will get the chance to learn more about life in space and the career of an astronaut through the Ask an Astronaut Q&A series. Dr. Don Thomas, a former NASA astronaut, will be answering questions that were submitted by teachers and students in the community. His video responses will be posted each week for viewers to tune in on the WonderWorks' YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcYvNfuGMZE&t=81s.
- National STEM Day WonderWorks will be honoring this special day for the second year in a row. To highlight the importance of STEM, there will be fun science labs and experiments throughout the building all day on Monday, November 8, 2021. The labs will give people a chance to learn more about pressure, temperature, density, origami, and more.

"Fall is also a great time for our local schools to book a field trip to give their students a hands-on way to make a connection with science," added Walsingham. "We look forward to providing the community with a fun and interactive fall."

WonderWorks Panama City Beach offers many STEM-related exhibits and activities all year long. There are also demonstrations, activities, virtual learning labs, science fair partnerships, homeschool days, and more. In addition to offering families hands-on learning opportunities, they also provide educational field trips for schools and student groups. To get more information about WonderWorks' STEM programs, visit their website: <a href="https://www.wonderworksonline.com/panama-city-beach/stem-programs/">https://www.wonderworksonline.com/panama-city-beach/stem-programs/</a>.

## **About WonderWorks**

WonderWorks, a science-focused indoor amusement park, combines education and entertainment. With over 100 hands-on exhibits, there is something unique and challenging for all ages. Feel the power of 74 mph hurricane-force winds in the *Hurricane Shack*. Make life-sized bubbles in the *Bubble Lab*. Experience zero gravity and get the NASA treatment in our *Astronaut Training Gyro*. Nail it by lying on the death-defying *Bed of Nails*. Conquer your fear of heights on our indoor *Glow-In-The-Dark Ropes Course*. WonderWorks has locations in Orlando, Pigeon Forge, Panama City Beach, Myrtle Beach, Syracuse and Branson. For more information, visit WonderWorksonline.com and follow @WonderWorksPCB on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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