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WonderWorks Pigeon Forge Fall Programs Include Celebrating National STEM Day and Art Contest

PIGEON FORGE, Tennessee – (October 14, 2021) – WonderWorks Pigeon Forge is making sure the fall season is a special time to visit the upside-down house. The beloved family attraction will be offering several new fall programs and exhibits, giving guests a chance to learn more about science, share their artistic abilities, and engage with the community. This fall, WonderWorks is hosting its second annual SMART art contest, National STEM Day activities and a new Saturdays in Space virtual Q&A series.

“We’re excited to head into another fall season with a bunch of great educational programs for our community,” explains Joe Baumgartner, general manager for WonderWorks Pigeon Forge. “With the launch of the art contest last year, it’s been a joy to see young artists see their work on display, and we can’t wait to see a new round of work brighten up our walls.”

WonderWorks Pigeon Forge is always on a mission to engage their guests and community, and there are a variety of ways people can get involved this fall, including:

- **SMART:** The Smoky Mountain Youth Art Gallery will be hosting its second round of applications, giving young artists a chance to show off their artistic abilities. This year’s theme is “Imagination.” Applications are currently open, with the submission deadline being Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Winners will have their work on display in the gallery and will receive free tickets to WonderWorks to see their work. Applications are online. To get more submission information or to apply, visit the site: <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeon-forge/art-contest/>.
- **Saturdays in Space** – WonderWorks is hosting their “Ask an Astronaut” Q&A series every Saturday during the month of October 2021. During this program, Dr. Don Thomas, a former NASA astronaut, will be answering questions that were submitted by students and teachers in the community. Viewers will get a chance to learn more about space and what it’s like to be an astronaut through this series. The videos will be posted online each week on the WonderWorks YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qcYvNfuGMZE&t=81s_
- **National STEM Day** – Held on Monday, November 8, 2021, WonderWorks Pigeon Forge will be celebrating the day by offering a variety of fun science labs and experiments throughout the building. These labs will focus on exploring the

principles of pressure, temperature, density, origami, and more. For the second year in a row, guests will be able to celebrate National STEM Day at the upside-down house with the other 100 hands-on exhibits offered all year long.

- **Field Trips** – Fall is a great time to plan an educational field trip to WonderWorks Pigeon Forge, giving students hands-on learning experiences and the ability to make a connection to their science curriculum in the classroom. To get more information about field trips, visit the site: <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeon-forge/groups/pigeon-forge-field-trips/>.

“Programs like National STEM Day help drive our mission here at WonderWorks to enrich STEM learning for the next generation of astronauts, engineers, teachers and more,” added Baumgartner. “This is going to be a great fall. Come check us out!”

Guests are encouraged to review all safety rules prior to their visit on the web page devoted to COVID-19: <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeon-forge/covid-19>.

WonderWorks in Pigeon Forge offers 35,000 square feet of “edu-tainment,” billing itself as an amusement park for the mind. It offers over 100 hands-on exhibits covering natural disasters and space discovery, imagination, physical challenge, a far-out art gallery and a light and sound zone. For more information, visit: <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeon-forge/>.

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 71 mph hurricane-force winds in the *Hurricane Shack*. Make huge, life-sized bubbles in the *Bubble Lab*. Get the NASA treatment in our *Astronaut Training Gyro* and experience zero gravity. 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*. To learn more, visit: <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeon-forge>.

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