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## Elevate Your Child's Summer Break - Educational Resources Abound at WonderWorks Pigeon Forge

**PIGEON FORGE, Tennessee (May 6, 2024)** — Many parents and caregivers are looking for fun and educational ways to keep their kids engaged during summer break. They will not want to miss all that WonderWorks Pigeon Forge offers throughout the summer months. WonderWorks' educational exhibits are designed to be fun, keep guests active, and create lasting memories for all participants. Whether planning to attend with immediate family or a larger group, WonderWorks Pigeon Forge offers two floors filled with "edu-tainment" to explore, engage, and enjoy.

"Just because school is ending doesn't mean the learning has to stop!" said Melanie Benson, education sales manager at WonderWorks Pigeon Forge. "Families can help their students avoid the dreaded 'summer slide' by planning a visit to us at WonderWorks. There's something new for everyone to learn inside."

With over 100 interactive exhibits for guests to engage in, some activities will interest everyone. There are six Wonder Zones to explore inside the upside-down house, including areas focusing on extreme weather, physical challenges, space discovery, light and sound, imagination, and illusion art, which also features a display of local youth art pieces. Additional thrilling activities include the indoor ropes course, 4D XD Motion Theater, and laser tag arena.

The fun doesn't have to stop there, because families can take home educational, interactive souvenirs from the gift shop to keep learning on their own time. Guests can also download Professor Wonder's printable <u>activity sheets</u> from home, learning about different science-related topics in a fun way. Everything offered at WonderWorks Pigeon Forge is rooted in science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM), which provides young learners with hands-on experiences in the topics they are learning about in the classroom.

"Whether you're hoping to keep your kids active, expose them to STEM, or just find a new go-to for family outings, WonderWorks is the place to be! It's going to be a great summer here in the upside-down house," said Joe Baumgartner, general manager at WonderWorks Pigeon Forge.

WonderWorks Pigeon Forge also hosts special events throughout the year, including birthday parties, discount opportunities, corporate events, scouting gatherings, field trips, and more. Upcoming events include:

- Teacher Appreciation Days During May 2024, all local teachers and
  educational support staff can get free admission to explore the exhibits. Up to
  four guests with them can also get half off their admission. Educators must
  register online to get the voucher for the free ticket and present their school ID or
  pay stub upon arrival to redeem.
- Girl Scout Weekends There will be two Girl Scout Appreciation weekends in May, including May 11-12, 2024, and May 18-19, 2024. All Girl Scouts who visit wearing their sash or vest during these event days will get a discounted ticket rate of \$13.99, plus tax. Up to four additional guests with them will also receive this rate. Those that can't make these events can take advantage of other Girl Scout group activity options. More details can be found online.

WonderWorks offers special deals and events for locals throughout the year. East Tennessee residents who don't want to miss out on sweet deals year-round can text "wonderworks" to 73028 to sign up for text alerts. This will ensure they can take advantage of special deals and events as they happen. Locals and vacationers alike are invited to follow WonderWorks' <a href="Facebook page">Facebook page</a> to be the first to hear about discounts, events, and more.

Locals can also set up birthday parties, school field trips, and team-building experiences, and take part in events like Homeschool Days, the annual youth art contest, Sensory Days, and more. There is a wealth of fun and engaging activities for guests to explore inside WonderWorks. With over 42,000 square feet of "edutainment," it is an indoor amusement park for the mind. The over 100 hands-on exhibits include physical challenges, space discovery experiences, weather simulators, a light and sound zone, and the far-out art gallery. WonderWorks Pigeon Forge is open daily, with the last ticket sold one hour before closing. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeon-forge/">https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeon-forge/</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 71 mph hurricane-force winds in the *Hurricane Shack*. Make giant, life-sized bubbles in the *Bubble Lab*. Get the NASA treatment in the *Astronaut Training Gyro* and experience zero gravity. Nail it by lying on the death-defying *Bed of Nails*. Conquer your fear of heights on the indoor *Glow-In-The-Dark Ropes Course*. To learn more, visit <a href="https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeonforge">https://www.wonderworksonline.com/pigeonforge</a>.