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School News

The 2010-2011 school year missions will begin soon. We appreciate our participating school districts and look forward to providing quality programming for them again this year.

We also offer e-Missions for schools that are too far away from Paducah. Please contact the center if you know of any schools that may be interested in our program.

New Lead Flight Director

The Challenger Learning Center is pleased to welcome Paula Franklin as its new Lead Flight Director. Paula joined our team last year as a part-time flight director after retiring from the Gallatin County Schools in Illinois where she taught high school science for 33.5 years. We are very excited that she is now with us full time. Welcome, Paula!



StarLab

Bring the wonders of the night sky to your school! The STARLAB portable planetarium is an exciting way to study the night sky. The 45-minute program features stars and constellations seen from your area and the Greek mythological stories related to them. The program can be adapted for those in 2nd grade and up.

There are several requirements needed to accommodate a STARLAB visit. These include a large area to fit the dome of 11 ft. high and 25 ft. across. Electrical outlets are needed for a fan and the projector. The STARLAB must be placed inside, it is not suitable for outdoor use.

STARLAB is also great for scout groups, church groups or any group interested in seeing the stars. Visit www.clcpaducah.org or call (270) 534-3101 for more information on pricing and requirements.



Girl Scout Programs

Challenger Learning Center at Paducah offers many programs for Girl Scouts. Brownies can earn their Space Explorer or Earth and Sky Try-It. The one of a kind Space Traveler badge is offered for Juniors. Sessions fill quickly on a first-come, first-served basis. Payment is required at time of registration. For more information about Girl Scout sessions and registration forms please visit www.clcpaducah.org or call (270) 534-3101.



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Upcoming Events

Many exciting things will be happening at the Challenger Learning Center this year. Our fourth annual Trivia Night will be held on February 4, 2011- mark your calendars! Also be looking for homeschool mission dates, a possible astronaut visit, Space Day activities and public missions. Check our website, www.clcpaducah.org, regularly for new and exciting events!



DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ That you can see the International Space Station fly over right here in Kentucky? Visit: <http://spaceflight.nasa.gov/realdata/sightings/> Click on United States, then Kentucky and choose Paducah. It will tell you when and where in the sky you can see the ISS.

⇒ If you have an iPhone or iPad there is an app you can download called Star Walk. Just point your device towards the sky and it will tell you what constellations and other celestial objects you are seeing.

Space Quest 2010

Summer camps for 2010 have come to an end, but the excitement generated for participants will linger for a long time. This summer brought record enrollment for the program; over 525 campers ranging in age from kindergarten to eighth grade participated in camp programs. Many rockets were launched, robots built, stars studied, planets and moons visited, culprits caught (CSI Camp) and colonies built during Space Quest 2010.



Lengths of camp range from a few hours to three days and offer a wide variety of interest areas. Consider sending your children, grandchildren, students, nieces, nephews or neighbors on a summer space quest they won't forget.

Starting in February 2011, check our website for information about Space Quest 2011!

Support Opportunities

The Challenger Learning Center is looking for individuals and businesses who are interested in helping promote the importance of science and math education in our region. Please contact Mellisa Duncan, Center Director, at (270) 534-3097 for more information on how you can support our future scientists and engineers.

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