



## The LeFleur Museum District Hosts 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Mississippi Science Festival Presented by C Spire!

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### Mississippi Science Fest Celebrates STEM the Third Weekend in September

**Jackson, Miss.** – The Mississippi Science Festival (MSF) is the LeFleur Museum District's (LMD) signature event presented by C Spire, which will take place on **September 16-18, 2021**.

MSF brings the community together to celebrate careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and has introduced children of all ages to the wide variety of STEM concepts and industries that are available in Mississippi. Guests can purchase 1 ticket for Saturday's festival and explore all 4 museums for one low ticket price of \$10. Exhibitors and activities will be at all four LMD museums – the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum, the Mississippi Children's Museum, and the MDWFP's Mississippi Museum of Natural Science.

For this year's MS Science Fest, we are excited to welcome American scientist and activist, Temple Grandin, to speak about her experience with science and agriculture. Grandin will speak at the MS Agriculture Museum, Friday, September 17 at 11:00 a.m. and will speak at the Mississippi Children's Museum, Saturday, Sept. 18 at 11:00 a.m.

This year, there will be multiple events taking place over the course of three days:

#### **Science After 6 Thursday, September 16 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

The community is invited to help kick off the 6<sup>th</sup> Annual MSF at one of Jackson's newest and most eco-friendly gathering spots, the Ecoshed, for Science After 6. Tickets are \$15 each and include bits and bytes by the Ecoshed Food Lab and out of this world cocktails by Spacebar. This event is sponsored by C Spire and Southern Farm Bureau.

#### **Field Trip Friday Friday, September 17 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

In partnership with MSF, the four LMD museums are inviting students to attend a special STEM-themed **Field Trip Friday**. The museums will host a day dedicated to promoting STEM subjects and increasing science literacy for field trip guests. Students attending Field Trip Friday will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on experiments, interactive exhibits, and see classroom science lessons come to life. Book your field trip by contacting any one of the museums.

### **Keynote Speaker Temple Grandin**

**Ag Museum**

**Friday, September 17**

**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**Mississippi Children’s Museum**

**Saturday, September 18**

**11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

For this year’s MS Science Fest, we are excited to welcome American scientist and activist, Temple Grandin, to speak about her experience with science, agriculture, and autism awareness. Grandin will speak at the MS Agriculture Museum, Friday, September 17 and at the Mississippi Children’s Museum on Saturday, September 18. She will be speaking between 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., followed by a Q & A and then a book signing from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

### **Mississippi Science Fest**

**Saturday, September 18**

**9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

All four LMD museums will host a day dedicated to promoting STEM subjects and increasing science literacy. Children and families will have the opportunity to interact with nationally renowned STEM professionals, engage in hands-on activities, and explore exciting experiments and exhibits. On this special day, visitors can purchase a \$10 ticket allowing them to visit and participate in MSF festivities at all four LMD museums. A free shuttle will be provided between museums and food vendors will be onsite throughout the day at all museums.

**Mississippi Science Fest will take place on September 16-18, 2021. A full schedule of activities for the festival and event tickets can be found at [www.mssciencefest.org](http://www.mssciencefest.org).**

### **About the LeFleur Museum District**

The LeFleur Museum District (LMD) promotes four uniquely different museums and is located at a one-quarter mile stretch, just off I-55 and Lakeland Drive in Jackson, MS. Featuring the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame and Museum, the Mississippi Agriculture & Forestry Museum, the Mississippi Children’s Museum, and the MDWFP’s Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, the LMD’s mission is to inspire visitors from around the region and nation with a sense of wonder. LMD creates opportunities for growth for all museums involved through joint events and cross-promotion of individual activities. Associations like the LeFleur Museum District are important developments to this region’s creative economy. The district partners with nearby restaurants and hotels to build the area as a premier destination for visitors. For more information, visit [LeFleurMuseumDistrict.com](http://LeFleurMuseumDistrict.com).

### **About C Spire and the C Spire Foundation**

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