



# Mississippi Science Fest

## *Schedule of Events*

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The **Mississippi Science Festival (MSF)** launches in September to showcase science, technology, engineering and mathematic (STEM) industries, organizations and innovation happening across our state. Featuring special guests, hands- on activities, special exhibitions, interactive activities and family-friendly celebrations, this weekend aims to provide Mississippians with a glimpse into the future of STEM in the Magnolia state!

### **PRESS CONFERENCE**

**AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> 10 AM**

#### **MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM**

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, join the LeFleur Museum District, C Spire, MSF partner organizations, sponsors and the Mississippi STEM community for a Press Conference as we formally announce and kick off the 30-day countdown to the Mississippi Science Festival! The press conference will feature remarks from all four LeFleur Museum District President and CEOs as well as Lt. Governor Tate Reeves, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, a C Spire representative and C Spire's humanoid 4-foot-tall robot, *Pepper* will also be in attendance! All media welcome. Interviews available upon request.

### **FIELD TRIP FRIDAY**

**SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 9 AM- 5 PM**

#### **LEFLEUR MUSEUM DISTRICT**

In partnership with the MS Science Festival, the LeFleur Museum District invites you to attend a special STEM themed Field Trip Friday! On Friday, September the 22<sup>nd</sup>, all four museums will host a day dedicated to promoting STEM subjects and increasing science literacy for our field trip guests. On this special day, your students will be some of the select few who have the opportunity to spend their field trip time interacting with nationally renowned STEM professionals and engaging in unique, hands on activities that align and connect directly to the science and math content taught in your classroom. Students on this Field Trip Friday will get an exclusive sneak preview into the exciting guests, experiments, exhibits and lessons brought into Jackson for Saturday's MS Science Festival! Visit each museum's website for information on how to book today

**KEYNOTE: ASTRONAUT FRED HAISE**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 6:00 PM**  
**1150 LAKELAND DRIVE**  
**SPARKMAN AUDITORIUM**  
**MISSISSIPPI AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY MUSEUM**

MS Science Fest is bringing a once in a lifetime opportunity to Mississippi- the chance to meet a real-life Astronaut! Apollo 13 Astronaut and Biloxi native Fred Haise will be headlining the 2017 MS Science Fest with a free public keynote address on Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM in the Sparkman Auditorium. Haise will discuss his career, life in space and touch on the importance of STEM education and workforce in his home state. Doors will open at 5:30 and a cash bar will be available.

**MAKERS SPACE CONVENING**  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> 10 AM- 3 PM**  
**MISSISSIPPI CHILDREN'S MUSEUM- EDUCATION CENTER**

On Friday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Mississippi Children's Museum will be hosting a convening of Makers! A Makerspace is a collaborative work and exploratory space inside a school, library or museum for making, learning, exploring and sharing that uses both high-tech and no-tech tools. The Makerspace movement is taking cultural and educational institutions by storm! On this Friday, MCM is hosting some of the primary leaders involved across Mississippi in this new and innovative educational concept.

**MISSISSIPPI SCIENCE FEST**  
**SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM**  
**LEFLEUR MUSEUM DISTRICT**

The Mississippi Science Fest (MSF) will showcase science, technology, engineering and mathematic (STEM) industries, organizations and innovation happening across the state. MSF aims to engage students, families, adults and educators in a fun and interactive learning environment that promotes science education and workforce development. The LeFleur Museum District will offer exhibitors, special events and programs at four sites - the Mississippi Children's Museum, MDWFP's Mississippi Museum of Natural Science, the Mississippi Agricultural and Forestry Museum and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Free transportation will be provided across all four museums. One \$10 ticket gains you admission into all four museums.

**DISCOVERY NIGHT: JOURNEY TO SPACE**  
**SEPTEMBER 23<sup>RD</sup> 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM**

*Discovery Night* is the Mississippi Children's Museum's (MCM) signature family fundraising event. This year, the event is held to coincide with the Mississippi Science Festival. This special evening celebrates children's literature and delves into the fascinating world of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM). *Discovery Night*, previously known as *Fall Festival*, is in its seventh year. The event is hosted annually by MCM Partners, a group of

volunteers and donors committed to supporting and raising money for MCM. This year's theme, *Journey to Space* was selected to encourage children to investigate the outer limits of their imagination. By launching them into the world of space literature, it is the goal of MCM to encourage children not only to read more, but to reach for the stars! This year's event will feature out-of-this-world food and drinks, along with fun musical entertainment, special activities and a silent auction. Join us for the perfect end to an exciting weekend full of science, technology and exploration!