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JASON Expedition: Disappearing Wetlands! Live Broadcasts
January 31 – February 4, National Science Center’s Fort Discovery
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| Monday, January 31 –
Friday, February 4 | JASON Expedition Live Broadcasts |
| Tuesday, February 1
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. | Visit from Caleb Schutz, President, Jason
Foundation for Education |
| Thursday, February 3 | Overnight Camp-in by Lux et Vetitas Classica Home
School Group then attend JASON broadcast on
Friday, February 4 |
| Friday, February 4 | Tim Trout, Georgia’s first JASON Argonaut, will be
Guest Master of Ceremonies for today’s broadcasts |

The JASON Foundation for Education is a leading provider of experience-based science and math curriculum and professional development for grades 4 – 9.

JASON goes from the deepest ocean depths to the soaring rainforest canopies, from icy Polar Regions to red-hot volcanoes, using cutting-edge technology to take millions of students and teachers on an exhilarating real science adventure!

JASON began as the dream of Dr. Robert Ballard, the scientist and oceanographer who discovered the wreck of the *RMS Titanic* in 1986. Ballard’s pioneering development of remotely operated tools enabled scientists located far from the research site to observe and record phenomena otherwise inaccessible to them. This concept, dubbed “telepresence,” opened new doors for researchers from around the globe. They could now “be there without being there.”

Ballard believed these systems could work for teachers and students as well, by enabling them to participate in fieldwork from the classroom. The JASON Project was born from this powerful idea. Through a unique partnership of private industry, scientific research facilities, museums, government and educational organizations, Ballard’s dream came to life in 1989 when thousands of students joined him, via live satellite broadcasts, on a Mediterranean Sea Expedition. Since then, JASON has grown to include over 33,000 teachers and 1.7 million students around the world. Visit JASON on-line at www.jason.org.

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