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## **“Celebration of Flight” Exhibit Opens at National Science Center’s Fort Discovery**

Augusta, GA – Few moments in history has done more to capture the essence of the American spirit than the Wright brothers’ historic first flight at Kitty Hawk, N.C. on December 17, 1903. In just 12 seconds . . . the Wright brothers flight propelled the world into the aviation age!

On Saturday, October 18, the National Science Center’s Fort Discovery opens an exhibit, “Celebration of Flight,” in the science center’s 5,000 sq. ft. Knox Gallery. The exhibit will feature:

- Augusta-built, full-scale replica of the **Wright Flyer**

- Half-scale replica of a **Curtiss JN-4D Jenny**

- Exhibits from NASA –

  - Aero Adventure**

  - 1:3 scale **Gemini Capsule**

  - 1:3 scale **Lunar Excursion Module**

- Augusta Chronicle Archives Exhibit**

- Artifacts and information that chronicles the history of powered flight

The Paul S. Simon Discovery Theater will feature special aviation-related presentations daily. A new High Definition Television (HDTV) program, ***The Spirit of Discovery: Follow it Through***, will be included in the presentations. This new program chronicles the history of flight and recognizes the spirit of discovery. Leonardo da Vinci, an early stimulus to flight advancement, is the host. Join Amanda and John, two middle school students, as they accompany da Vinci on a journey that looks back at historic flight milestones and the people who made them possible.

The Science Store will feature aviation-related merchandise and souvenirs.

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“Celebration of Flight”

And There’s More . . . school field trips; discovery labs; group visits and workshops; birthday parties; overnight camp-ins; special events and facility rentals; science-to-go programs and scout workshops.

Admission to the “Celebration of Flight” exhibit is free with paid general admission to Fort Discovery. \$8.00/adults; \$6.00/children, seniors and active military. Admission to the Discovery Theater and StarLab is \$2.00/person for each presentation. Members are free and group rates are available.

Fort Discovery Operating Hours are: Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.; Sunday, Noon – 5 p.m.

For more information about the National Science Center’s Fort Discovery and the “Celebration of Flight” exhibit visit our web site at:

[www.NationalScienceCenter.org](http://www.NationalScienceCenter.org)

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