

# NEWS RELEASE

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## FORT DISCOVERY RETURNS TO SEVEN DAY OPERATING SCHEDULE

**Augusta, GA** -- On the heels of a successful fundraising campaign and strong community support, the National Science Center's Fort Discovery will resume operating seven days a week beginning Labor Day weekend. Operating Hours will be Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. and Sunday, Noon – 5 p.m.

"With school back in session, we want to ensure that we are available to deliver our educational programs and services," states Joe Edwards, CEO of the National Science Center. "We are committed to providing quality, laboratory-based educational opportunities for area students and teachers. We want our educators to consider Fort Discovery an extension of their classroom!"

To date, the local fundraising campaign has raised \$241,000.00 with additional National donations and pledges of \$100,000. "Community support has been tremendous and demonstrates just how important the National Science Center's Fort Discovery is to our area," according to Rich Slaby, Corporate Development Director for the science center. "We will continue our fundraising efforts throughout the year so that the National Science Center can fulfill its mission to excite America's youth (including Georgia and South Carolina) about math, science and technology." To find out how you can become involved, contact Rich Slaby at 821-0305 or [slabyr@nscdiscovery.org](mailto:slabyr@nscdiscovery.org).

Due to popular demand, the **Aliens: Worlds of Possibilities** exhibition has been held over through Thanksgiving weekend. Space enthusiasts yearning to journey to the far reaches of the solar system will have the opportunity to see samples of asteroids and Martian rocks and postulate the possibilities of alien life, need only step inside our 5,000 square foot Knox Gallery. Pick up your Cosmic Passport at the entrance and take an entertaining educational journey through large-scale dioramas and animatronic creatures. There is a genuine "fake" alien in its life-supporting tube and more than twenty interactive exhibit stations. It's an out-of-this world experience for school groups and families . . . there's something for everyone!

For more information about the National Science Center and Fort Discovery, visit our website at [www.NationalScienceCenter.org](http://www.NationalScienceCenter.org).

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