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**JASON PROJECT TO BE BROADCAST LIVE FROM FORT
DISCOVERY FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 10, 2000**

Augusta, GA. -- Have you ever wondered what it would be like to soar into outer space . . . or dive into the depths of the ocean? Students and teachers from throughout the State of Georgia will have that chance when they participate in the JASON Project broadcast February 28 - March 10 at the National Science Center's Fort Discovery.

For more than 10 years, Dr. Robert Ballard and his team of researchers has been leading student explorers (Argonauts) on expeditions to areas inaccessible to most people -- from volcanoes and rainforests to shipwrecks and spaceships. This year's expedition -- JASON XI GOING TO EXTREMES -- will visit the National Aerospace and Science Administration's (NASA's) Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Aquarius Underwater Laboratory, nestled against a coral reef on the ocean floor. Participants will compare and contrast environments and research projects, as well as explore the constraints on the human body in accomplishing such amazing feats.

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The National Science Center's Fort Discovery will be the live broadcast site for the State of Georgia. As a broadcast site, students taking part in JASON at Fort Discovery will actually participate in on-site experiments, data comparisons and question and answer sessions with JASON scientists who are located at the expedition site. "The JASON Project fits perfectly with our mission. Our mission is to motivate America's youth about math, science and technology, and the JASON Project does just that and more. We are thrilled the National Science Center's Fort Discovery can bring JASON to the students and teachers of Georgia," stated Phyllis Hendry, President of the National Science Center's Fort Discovery.

More than 200 teachers have been trained for the JASON Project during workshops offered by Georgia Educational Technology Training Centers throughout the State. These teachers and their students will have the opportunity to participate in the JASON Project through classroom activities and attend the live broadcasts. According to Dave Toburen, Director of the Educational Technology Training Center at Fort Discovery, "Middle School teachers by training are usually "generalists," (that is, to be able to teach all subjects). JASON provides three things: (1) professional development on how to integrate the activities into their curriculum, (2) specific science, math, language arts and social studies content, and (3) hands-on, interdisciplinary, technology-rich lessons."

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In addition to the broadcasts, special activities are being planned which will be open to the general public and to school groups making regular educational visits. For more information about the JASON Project or to find out about special JASON Project-related activities, call the Fort Discovery Public Relations Office at 706-821-0607 or visit our web site at www.NationalScienceCenter.org.

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