

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -- Monday, May 31, 2004

FORT DISCOVERY TO REMAIN OPEN

The following is a statement issued by Joe F. Edwards, Chairman and CEO of the National Science Center:

"Due to the current situation with the State budget, we are forced to reduce the Fort Discovery staff by two-thirds, effective today, May 31. We are also shifting our operating hours to Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Our summer camps, birthday parties, corporate and community events will be held as scheduled.

We are issuing a call for volunteers to augment our summer cadre of community volunteers for this summer. Information on the Volunteer Program can be obtained from Kathy Thibault at 821-0609.

At the request of several people in the community, we are also initiating a local fundraising campaign led by our Corporate Development Director, Richard Slaby. He can be contacted at 821-0305 if you have interest in participating."

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