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EXPLORE THE HISTORY AND FUTURE OF SPACE TRAVEL IN SCI-QUEST'S NEW EXHIBIT – SPACE: A JOURNEY TO OUR FUTURE

HUNTSVILLE, AL – Sci-Quest, Hands-on Science Center will offer space exploration enthusiasts the opportunity to touch a piece of Mars, take a spin on a space bike, and tour a full-scale future lunar habitat and more in the new exhibit *Space: A Journey to Our Future*, opening Saturday, June 19. *Space: A Journey to Our Future* examines the history of our space program, brings to life current projects in space exploration – satellites, space telescopes, living in space – and provides a glimpse of future human space travel through highly advanced interactive displays. *Space: A Journey to Our Future* is one of the largest touring exhibits ever produced on space exploration.

“With the focus in Huntsville and throughout the Tennessee Valley on the space industry, this exhibit will delight adults and inspire our youth to learn more about the impact of the space program and help them appreciate how far we have come,” said Cyndy Morgan, Sci-Quest Executive Director.

“We are thrilled to have *Space: A Journey to Our Future* here at Sci-Quest this summer,” said Sci-Quest education director Angela Giles-Moulton. “This exhibit is a great blend of artifacts and hands-on exhibits. It is the largest exhibit that Sci-Quest has ever hosted and we are excited to bring this high caliber exhibit to the Tennessee Valley.”

Exhibit highlights include:

Mission to Mars: Through hands-on interactive displays and modules, visitors can design their own trip to Mars, by taking a spin on a centrifuge space bicycle, to the design of the spacecraft and living quarters, and ultimately finding out how successful their trip would be.

360-degree “Future Theatre”: In an immersive media experience, visitors will look far into the future of exploration and deep into space, pondering mysteries to be revealed and questions to be answered.

Space Exploration Artifacts: Visitors will see a wide range of artifacts from the past and present space program including space suits, a lunar rover tire, a camera from the Apollo program, early fuel cells and shuttle tiles.

Lunar Base Camp: Would-be explorers can literally step into the future and interact aboard a re-created future base camp on the lunar surface as they walk through a full-size habitat and work pod.

Today's Space Program: This interactive area examines the International Space Station, deep space probes, next generation telescopes, and NASA studies in robonauts.

Representatives from NASA, National Science Teachers Association, Lockheed Martin, and national partner General Motors, served on an educational committee for the exhibit to ensure accuracy and relevance in the exhibit's educational message. *Space: A Journey to Our Future* was produced by Evergreen Exhibitions.

Space: A Journey to Our Future will be at Sci-Quest until Sept. 6, 2010. During this time, Sci-Quest will have the following extended summer hours: Monday – Thursday: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m.; Friday – Saturday: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.; and Sunday: 11 a.m. – 7 p.m. Hours are subject to change, visit www.sci-quest.org or call 256-837-0606 for current information.

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