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CHALLENGER SPACE CENTER SCHEDULES SPECIAL DAY FOR EDUCATORS

On Saturday, June 14, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, the Challenger Space Center will feature a special day for Educators. All Educators will receive a discounted admission price of \$4 (general admission is \$6) with their school i.d. badge.

Challenger Space Center Educators Day is sponsored by APS, and will feature curriculum, demonstrations, door prizes, and speakers. Challenger programs will be on display and/or demonstrated as well, including the newly announced distance learning scenario, e-Mission: Operation Montserrat. A detailed schedule of events will be available on Tuesday, June 10.

On display will be several new exhibits, including the Space Weather Center, developed by the Space Science Institute of Boulder, Colorado; Space Toys, on long term loan from Mr. Armando Bras; the Kalusa Miniature Airplane Collection, on loan from Embry-Riddle University; and a 10-foot-high model of the Space Shuttle Atlantis, recently donated by Honeywell.

The Challenger Space Center's mission is to inspire, excite, and educate people of all ages about the mysteries and wonders of space, science, and the universe in which we live. The Challenger Center, along with the recently announced McCall Museum of Art, is the only Smithsonian Institution affiliate in Maricopa County. The Center has won the following recent awards: 2002 Best Science Lesson from the Arizona Republic; First Place Best of the West Award for K-12 Education for the Smithsonian Educators Conference; and West Valley Treasure, WESTMARC. The Center is conveniently located at 21170 North 83rd Avenue, north of Union Hills, just off Loop 101, with easy access to and from the entire Valley. Information: 623.322.2001; or visit www.azchallenger.org.

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