

**SCIENCE TAKES OVER THE PARK WITH THE ATLANTA SCIENCE FESTIVAL'S
FREE EXPLORATION EXPO ON MARCH 25**

Metro Atlanta's Largest Interactive Science Event is Coming to Centennial Olympic Park

ATLANTA – March 15, 2017 – The most anticipated outdoor event of the year is coming to Centennial Olympic Park on March 25 as the [Atlanta Science Festival](#) holds its premier Exploration Expo featuring more than 100 interactive exhibits, hands-on experiments, mind-blowing demonstrations and science-themed performances. Ideal for children, adults and families, the *free* celebration of science will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Expo is the grand finale of the Atlanta Science Festival's eleven-day celebration, which focuses on making science, technology, arts and mathematics (STEAM) accessible to people of all ages.

“The Exploration Expo is the must-see, must attend event of the year showcasing Metro Atlanta's most diverse and talented scientific minds from universities, corporations and cultural institutions,” said Jordan Rose, co-founder, Atlanta Science Festival. “We live in an amazing world, and the Atlanta Science Festival and the Expo allow attendees to experience first-hand the wonders of science and how it affects their everyday lives. The Festival will wow us all and inspire a new generation of science-literate leaders.”

During the Expo, participants can...fly a drone, touch a brain, learn about robots, get up close and personal with some remarkable reptiles, see a gravity-powered car in the Google Village, and take part in some mind-blowing demos about everyday household products with Clorox.

In addition, at Noon, the Festival will hold a Ping-Pong Big-Bang where one thousand pink ping pong balls will be launched into the skies around Centennial Olympic Park's Olympic Rings Fountain.

The main stage of the Exploration Expo will feature science inside the circus, live animals from Zoo Atlanta, and the youngest person to pilot a plane around the world solo.

To make navigating the Expo easy for attendees, the event is mapped out by [zones](#):

Encounter Zone (Sponsored by Emory University) – Smell the world, solve an outbreak and see how energy goes from a generator to the plug in your home.

Discover Zone (Sponsored by Mercer University & Mercer Health Sciences Center) – Explore the microscopic world, 3D printing, robots and bees.

Invent Zone (Sponsored by Georgia Tech) – Experience carbon dioxide bubble bombs, drones and brains.

Thrive Zone (Sponsored by Georgia State University) – Discover the chemistry in your daily life, Gneiss Rocks, Lung Models, and germ science.

Curious Kids Zone (Sponsored by the Atlanta Section of IEEE) – Turn your little ones into future scientists and engineers with STEAM activities specifically for ages 3 and up.

Power-Up Zone (Sponsored by Georgia Power) – Take a break from the science - grab a bite to eat and have a seat at this oasis of tables. Then, put your new energy to good use as you pedal a human-powered generator, form a human circuit, and explore robots and drones.

A complete list of Exploration Expo exhibits and performances can be found at AtlantaScienceFestival.org/expo. For the latest information on Atlanta Science Festival activities, please follow the event on Facebook at AtlantaScienceFestival, Twitter at @ATLSciFest and on Instagram at @atlscifest.

About the Atlanta Science Festival

In its fourth year, the Atlanta Science Festival is an 11-day celebration of science and technology, with more than 100 events and activities held across Metro Atlanta. The grand finale of the festival is an all-day interactive Exploration Expo at Centennial Olympic Park. Scientists, experts and educators from local schools, colleges, universities, museums and corporations will uncover mysteries and explain discoveries in hands-on activities, facility tours, stimulating presentations, and riveting performances at venues across the city. The Atlanta Science Festival's mission is to celebrate the inherent integration of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics) in our lives today, to share the impact that STEAM has on our community, and to inspire us all to wonder about our future. The Festival, which will be held March 14-25, is produced by a collaboration of science, cultural, and educational institutions, founded by Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology and the Metro Atlanta Chamber. To learn more, visit AtlantaScienceFestival.org or call (770) 322-4992.

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