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Atlanta Science Festival delivers interactive grand finale, the Exploration Expo at Piedmont Park

Thousands expected to attend city's 'biggest science party' March 22

March 17, 2025 (Atlanta) —The Atlanta Science Festival (ASF) presented by Delta Air Lines, the city's ultimate celebration of all things science and one of the largest of its kind in the country, runs now through March 22 with more than 100 events taking place throughout metro Atlanta. ASF will once again deliver its annual, interactive grand finale, the **Exploration Expo**. The event materializes **10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 22** in **Piedmont Park.** Best of all, it's free.

Thousands of curious kids and adults will descend upon Piedmont Park and experience the wonder of science with more than 100 hands-on, interactive science booths from local organizations, universities, and companies showing off Atlanta science.

Science lovers of all ages have the opportunity to control a prosthetic hand with their minds, perform DNA extraction, code robots through mazes, dig for bones, touch a human brain, look inside a jet engine, and mingle with frogs, lizards, snakes, and scientists. And that's just a glimmer of opportunities available at the Exploration Expo.

"There's no better way to wrap up the Atlanta Science Festival than with our epic Exploration Expo," says co-founder and executive co-director, Jordan Rose. "Exciting science comes at you from every direction. We turn up the fun and bring the community together for an unforgettable experience."

The Exploration Expo features **seven exciting Zones** where guests can dive into science experiences firsthand.

- **Encounter Zone**, brought to you by Emory University: Explore light and color, vaccines, blood and bones, the science of sugar, forensics, and more.
- **Discover Zone,** brought to you by Mercer University & Mercer Health Sciences Center: Discover the science of self-driving cars, learn how AI gets better with practice, become a caretaker of trees, meet amphibians, and more.
- **Invent Zone**, brought to you by Georgia Tech: Power the world with pinwheels, learn all about bees, use X-rays to explore coral, see how diapers make water disappear, and more.
- **Thrive Zone,** brought to you by Kaiser Permanente: Draw blood from a realistic practice arm, meet the inspiring women who make Delta Air Lines soar, dig into hydroponics, learn to use a hand drill, and more.
- Curious Zone, brought to you by Kennesaw State University: Visit a musical petting zoo, buddy up with parasites, learn how science can keep you healthy, see archaeology in action, and more.
- **STEAM Zone:** Hone the art of science haiku, see how science inspires art, encode a message with cryptography bracelets, doodle in three dimensions, and more.

• **Power-Up Zone**, brought to you by Georgia Power: Learn all about electricity and how it works.

Discover the science behind movement as you groove your way to better health with **Just Dance!**, sponsored by Kaiser Permanente. This fun, low-impact aerobics session blends exhilarating dance moves with easy-to-follow routines for a moderate-intensity workout. These 15-minute sessions take place at 11 a.m., 2 p.m., and 3 p.m. in The Meadow.

Spicing things up at precisely 12 p.m. is the **Pink Ping Pong Big Bang**, when thousands of pink ping-pong balls launch into the skies. Help countdown this explosion of science in The Meadow, sponsored by Emory University and performed by Dr. Doug Mulford and the ChEmory student group.

If all of that interactive science works up an appetite, take advantage of the many food and drink vendors setting up in the park as part of the Atlanta Science Festival. Complimentary water is available at stations throughout the Expo. Seating is available at the Power-Up Zone and at tables throughout the park. Guests are welcome to bring picnic blankets, refillable water bottles, and their own snacks.

The Atlanta Science Festival Exploration Expo takes place rain or shine. A complete exhibitor list, map, and additional event details at AtlantaScienceFestival.org/expo.

At a glance:

The Atlanta Science Festival Exploration Expo. 10 a.m.-4 p.m. March 22. Free. Piedmont Park, at the intersection of Charles Allen Drive and 10th Street, Atlanta.

For additional press releases, a full schedule featuring more than 100 events, updates, photos, and more, visit the Press Room at:

https://atlantasciencefestival.org/news-media/press-room/.

Interviews are available upon request.

About the Atlanta Science Festival

The Atlanta Science Festival is a two-week celebration of science and technology. Taking place March 8-22, 2025, it will feature 100+ interactive and educational events. Kids and adults alike can dive into a range of topics from cyborgs and brain imaging to tree treks and forest walks, and storytelling shows. The Atlanta Science Festival is engineered by Science ATL and 80+ community partners, with major support from founders Emory University, Georgia Institute of Technology, and the Metro Atlanta Chamber, and sponsors Delta, UPS, Cox, NCR Foundation, and others. To learn more, visit <a href="https://doi.org/10.1016/j.com/ncm/4.2016/j.com/4.2016/j

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