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**SCI-TECH DISCOVERY CENTER, WITH PLANS TO REOPEN SAFELY,  
EXTENDS GSK SCIENCE IN THE SUMMER PROGRAM AND GUIDED LEARNING PODS.  
FALL BRINGS BACK SCOUT SUNDAYS WHILE INTRODUCING TEKS ALIGNED  
HOMESCHOOL WORKSHOPS AND HALF-DAY SATURDAY CAMPS FOR FAMILIES.**

Sci-Tech Discovery Center, Presents “Fall Your Way”

### **WELCOMING FAMILIES BACK IN SEPTEMBER**

Sci-Tech Discovery Center is excited to announce plans to re-open its doors on September 8th. Though Sci-Tech will remain closed to the public until that date, its staff remains busy preparing to reopen with plenty of safe science, new safety protocols, and crowd capacity measures. Until then, Sci-Tech’s dedicated education department will continue to provide web content and Guided Learning Pods for DFW students in remote learning.

### **GUIDED LEARNING PODS. NOW REGISTERING FOR STUDENTS K-5TH GRADE.**

While many DFW ISDs return to in-person school, the majority have elected to continue mandated options for virtual classrooms. With student’s best interest in mind, Sci-Tech Discovery Center has opened a drop-off program on location with ‘Guided Learning Pods’. DFW parents can now select weeks to enroll their students, through December, to aid students with essential support for back to school. These Guided Learning Pods will be run with the same high standards of COVID-19 protocols that contributed to the museum’s successful summer camp season. Sci-Tech has assured that class bubbles will contain ten or fewer students so that social distance practices may be observed in their STEM classrooms. Background- checked qualified and experienced educators will facilitate and aid status with class and schedule structure during the day.

### **GRAB YOUR MASK AND GOGGLES AND “BE A CHEMIST!” WITH PLANO LIBRARY AND SCI-TECH.**

DFW area students take on the role of chemists during the free GSK Science in the Summer™ in partnership with the Franklin Institute. This year’s “Be a Chemist!” theme invites children to play the role of chemists and discover the importance of chemistry to fields as varied as

materials, medicinal, art and environmental sciences. Students learn how environmental scientists clean up contaminated water, see how chemical and physical reactions help us feel better, make their own toy slime, and create natural dyes from plants and animal shells.

This STEM enrichment program returns to libraries/community centers online and in-person this summer, starting August 29th in partnership with the Plano Library. Parents can register for virtual workshops through the Plano Library's [website](#). In-person offerings will be held on select Sundays at Sci-Tech Discovery Center September through November and can be booked through their website [here](#).

The Franklin Institute and the University of North Carolina Morehead Planetarium and Science Center partner with GSK to bring Science in the Summer™ to 27 locations across the country. Sci-Tech Discovery Center has been chosen as a location for the past 4 summers with past themes including The Science of Space, The Science of Me, The Science of Sports, The Science of Electricity & Magnetism. For more information about the GSK Science in the Summer™ program, visit their [site](#).

### **WEEKEND STEM ACADEMY MINI CAMPS CONTINUE THE FUN AND EXTEND LEARNING**

Guests returning to Sci-Tech can expect a few new additions when it reopens September 8th. Keep an eye out for their new TEKS aligned 'STEM Academy Mini Camps', every Saturday afternoon. Sci-Tech will be hosting reduced sized camps for grades 1-6 where students will be able to safely explore hands-on STEM kits and enjoy Mind Stretching Fun with their friends from 1:00-5:00 pm. Camps with reduced sized classes led by experienced educators will deliver safe, fun, and STEM filled afternoons for kids who love science, technology, and engineering! Students will spend an afternoon with robots, drones, 3D printers, chemical reactions, and more.

### **SUNDAYS ARE FOR SCOUTS AGAIN**

While summer camping trips and badges may have been affected this season, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, and Boy Scouts will have something new to look forward to at Sci-Tech this fall. Their Scout Sundays offer many badge workshops for small groups in Sci-Tech's MakerSpace workshop. Educators will lead young explorers through Science, Technology, Engineering, and Robotics badges.

### **HOMESCHOOL WORKSHOPS AND PRESCHOOL SCIENCE TIME RETURN THIS FALL**

With doors open again to local families, Sci-Tech's Weekly Homeschool Workshops and Preschool Science Time return in person. Homeschools in 1st-6th grade can return to TEKS aligned lessons in Earth & Space, Matter & Energy, Force & Motion, Organisms & Environment, and Technology every Wednesday at 2:00 pm. Preschool parents can also come back and join in every Thursday for a good book about science, sensory crafts, and science experiments.

### **NEW PRESCHOOL AND VIRTUAL OUTREACH OPTIONS**

Looking toward the fall, Sci-Tech Discovery Center has released its new 2020-2021 Program Educator guide. Dynamic educators provide hands-on STEM in three ways: virtual programs, programs at your site, and as always, programs at Sci-Tech. While staying on trend with many ISD's, Sci-Tech will now offer TEKS aligned PK outreach programming. These aren't the only new programs either. Sci-Tech's education department has created new and converted existing programs into virtual options. These virtual programs will meet the same TEKS qualifications as previous on-site and in-person programming options.

### **CELEBRATE BIRTHDAYS 'YOUR WAY'**

Many families have not been able to hold the birthday party celebrations they planned this summer. Luckily for them, Sci-Tech can bring the party anywhere. Their staff will set up fun yard decorations and deliver individually packed "Jr. Scientist Kits" filled with everything needed for themed experiments and then lead guests on a virtual adventure in science. For 3-5-year-olds, get crazy with chemistry! Kids will explore mixing acids and bases and look for chemical and physical reactions. Make instant snow to take home and experiment with over and over again! For 6-10-year-olds, mix up some slime and test its properties to make your recipe a winner! Make magic happen with acids and bases and write invisible messages. Sci-Tech is also offering private rentals of the museum space on weekends and evenings. Please see their website for more details on how this summer is awesome on-site, at-home, and online. <https://mindstretchingfun.org/>.

### **ABOUT SCI-TECH DISCOVERY CENTER**

The Sci-Tech Discovery Center is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that strives to engage and inspire learners of all ages and backgrounds to embrace discovery and innovation through the active exploration of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Mind-stretching fun! That is what Sci-Tech Discovery Center delivers through hands-on discovery experiences that spark a life-long interest in STEM and help equip their area's children with critical skills. Sci-Tech believes in advancing STEM education and providing inspiration to the next generation of engineers, scientists, educators, and innovators. Sci-Tech Discovery Center is conveniently located to serve North Texas kids and families at 8004 North Dallas Parkway, Frisco, TX 75034. [www.mindstretchingfun.org](http://www.mindstretchingfun.org).