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Sphere We Go!

WonderWorks Orlando Unveils New STEM Exhibit Explaining Earth's Spheres

ORLANDO, Florida – (March 1, 2021) – WonderWorks Orlando announces the opening of a new exhibit focused on science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM). The new exhibit topic will focus on the layers of the Earth's spheres and is scheduled to open March 11, 2021.

"Earth is a topic that most people love to learn about, so we are excited about this new exhibit," says Brian Wayne, general manager of WonderWorks Orlando. "This will give families a fun way to learn about this STEM topic, whether it's just for fun or if they are looking for a way to expand upon their child's formal education."

The new exhibit will help teach people about the four different layers in Earth's spheres, including the lithosphere (or geosphere), hydrosphere, biosphere, and atmosphere. In addition to learning about each layer, the exhibit also explains how the four layers interact with each other. The new exhibit will include images and content to read, there is also a 3D hologram high-definition video, no special glasses needed, and provides a visual explanation of the layers and how they interact, to enhance the experience.

STEM education, according to the National Inventors Hall of Fame, focuses on teaching children real-world applications that help develop a variety of skill sets. Some of the skills children gain through STEM education include technology literacy, problem solving, creativity, curiosity, critical thinking and being innovative. Finding ways to introduce them to STEM topics in a fun way can help to get them more interested.

"We look forward to helping families learn more about the spheres that make up Earth," added Wayne. "We continue in our mission of making learning fun!"

To choose the name for the new poll, WonderWorks held a poll asking people to choose from three names. Employees and social media users weighed in, with the following being the outcome of the exhibit name poll: *Sphere We Go!* is the official new name of the exhibit.

- A. Sphere We Go! – 51% of the vote
- B. Get Outta Sphere! – 38%
- C. Sphere Not These Earthly Layers! – 11%

Additional onsite and community programs include the WonderWorks WonderKids event, virtual learning labs, FLO-Art Florida Youth Art Gallery, science fair partnerships, online science information and worksheets and a homeschool program. WonderWorks Orlando also offers various STEM activities, including virtual learning labs, onsite exhibits, activities and more.

To learn more about the programs offered at WonderWorks Orlando, visit the site: <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/orlando>.

Due to a county-wide mask restriction in Orlando, guests will need to bring one with them. WonderWorks does also have some for sale onsite. WonderWorks has implemented COVID-19 safety protocols, including reduced capacity and hours, enhanced cleaning efforts, social distancing measures, hand sanitizer stations, employee health screenings and employee personal protective equipment (PPE). Guests are encouraged to review all safety rules before their visit on the webpage devoted to COVID-19 <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/orlando/covid-19>.

About WonderWorks

WonderWorks, the upside-down adventure, is a science-focused indoor amusement park for the mind that holds something unique and exciting for visitors of all ages. Guests enter through an upside-down lobby with the ceiling at their feet, the ground above their head and must pass through an inversion tunnel to turn right side up. There are three floors of nonstop "edu-tainment," with over 100 hands-on and interactive exhibits that serve a STEM educational purpose to challenge the mind and spark the imagination. WonderWorks Orlando is also home to The Outta Control Magic Comedy Dinner Show. WonderWorks is located in Orlando, Pigeon Forge, Myrtle Beach, Panama City Beach, Syracuse and Branson. For more information, visit the site <https://www.wonderworksonline.com/orlando/>.

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