



January 27, 2010

Dear Parent(s),

Chabot Space & Science Center (CSSC) is pleased to announce a new afterschool science program, *Champions of Science*, for middle school students. The Champions program will run Wednesday afternoons from 2:30-4:30pm based upon OUSD's minimum day schedule.

Champions of Science has two primary goals: to interest and retain students' knowledge and excitement in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) subjects and potential careers at a critical time in adolescent development; and to create a pipeline to CSSC's high school community service and internship program, the Galaxy Explorers.

The Galaxy Explorers provide interactive hands-on science demonstrations on Saturdays to the visitors of CSSC year-round. Interwoven throughout the experience are opportunities to glean meaningful job and life skills. When appropriate the two programs will combine to take part in special events and guest speakers. Some Galaxy Explorers will work as mentors in the Champions program. The students targeted by this program are youth from historically unrepresented backgrounds in Oakland.

Champions of Science, will develop students' knowledge and excitement about science, as well as give participants exposure to various careers in science and technology. Our program partner, the Boys and Girls Club, will assist with recruitment, supervision, and transportation.

Champions will learn how to think critically and use the scientific method. During classes each week, students will play educational games and learn about different scientific subjects. They will be treated to free movies and planetarium shows, as well as exhibit activities which will supplement the classroom topic that week. This culminates in a final project in which students will create their own experiment or demonstration and display to present on the museum floor.

Transportation to and from CSSC on Wednesdays will be provided by the school or Boy's and Girl's Club. Transportation for Champions sponsored field trips and/or Saturday community service days will be coordinated through CSSC.

If you have any questions or concern about the Champions division of the Galaxy Explorers program or CSSC offerings do not hesitate to contact us!

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Attachments

- A- Schedule
- B- Parental Permission & Release
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Champions of Science
2010 Schedule
Attachment – A

Wednesday Enrichment Classes – 2:30-4:30

February 10, 2010
February 17, 2010
February 24, 2010

March 3, 2010
March 10, 2010
March 17, 2010
March 24, 2010
March 31, 2010

April 14, 2010
April 21, 2010
April 28, 2010

May 5, 2010
May 12, 2010
May 19, 2010

Community Service Saturday

February 27, 2010

April 24, 2010

May 22, 2010

Awards Ceremony

June 27, 2010

Parent Authorization

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Attachment - B

Student Name	Grade Level	School
Street Address	City	Phone/Email Address

I, _____, hereby give permission for my son/daughter/ward,
(parent/guardian, please print)

to participate in the Champions of Science division of the Galaxy Explorers program. I understand that this project will take place during after school hours, and occasional Saturdays at Chabot Space & Science Center in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Oakland. I understand that participation in this program is purely voluntary.

I, _____, hereby give permission to Chabot Space & Science
(parent/guardian, please print)

Center to display, license, sell, and publish, etc. the images taken of me /my child at various dates for all purposes; including those of advertising and that, the media will be owned solely by Chabot Space & Science Center.

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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Attachment – C

Behavior Policy

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- 1) When instructors, guest presenters, or students are speaking, participants will LISTEN attentively. Participants will engage in activities at a noise level appropriate to the activity environment as determined by the instructor
 - 2) Discipline will be managed by Boys and Girls Club staff
 - 3) Participation in all Champions of Science activities is mandatory
 - 4) All participants will assist in clean-up activities
 - 5) At all times participants will keep their hands to themselves and will conduct themselves in an appropriate manner
 - 6) Participants will not use obscene or inappropriate language
 - 7) Putdowns will not be tolerated

Grounds for immediate dismissal:

1. Using, possessing, selling/giving, or being under the influence of intoxicating substances or illegal substances
2. Theft
3. Fighting or physical intimidation of another person
4. Cruelty or destruction to the surrounding environment and its inhabitants
5. Possession of a weapon
6. Harassment of any kind

Signature of Student

Date

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date



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INTERNET AGREEMENT

We are pleased to offer Galaxy Explorers access to the computers, cameras, internet and technology for educational purposes. Parents and students are advised that some material accessible via the Internet may contain items that are illegal, defamatory, inaccurate, or potentially offensive to some people. The District cannot guarantee that filtering software will in all instances successfully block access to all inappropriate materials.

Access to technology is a privilege, not a right. Chabot's electronic network is part of the curriculum and is not a public forum for general use. Please carefully read the attached Acceptable Use of Technology policy. Violations may result in disciplinary action. Violations can include:

- **Sending or displaying offensive pictures or graphics.**
- **Using obscene language.**
- **Harassing, insulting, threatening or abusing other users.**
- **Violating copyright laws.**
- **Damaging computers, personal or network files.**
- **Attempting to circumvent network security.**

Unless otherwise instructed by school personnel, students shall not disclose, use, or disseminate personal identification information about themselves or others when using email, chat rooms, or other forms of direct electronic communication. Students are also cautioned not to disclose such information by other means to individuals contacted through the Internet without the permission of their parents/guardians. Personal information includes the student's name, address, telephone number, Social Security number, or other individually identifiable information

By signing this agreement, I/we are signifying that I/we have read Chabot Space & Science Center's Internet/Technology Policy and agree to abide by its terms. I/we understand that the computer network/computers are to be used solely for educational purposes and that there is no expectation of privacy with respect to the use of the same.



STUDENT CONSENT: I understand that my computer use, the use of other technologies while at CSSC, and any electronic communication and storage systems (including email and student folders, class/student websites) are not private and that CSSC has the right to monitor my activity.

I have read the Internet/Technology Policy and agree to abide by these rules. I understand that violation of the policy or regulations may result in disciplinary action, including loss of technology privileges, suspension or expulsion, or legal action.

Student Signature

Date

PARENT CONSENT: I have read CSSC's Internet/Technology Policy and regulations. In consideration for the privilege of my child using the CSSC's electronic communications system, and in consideration for having access to the public networks, I hereby release the Chabot Space & Science Center, its operators, employees, or agents and any institutions with which they are affiliated from any and all claims and damages arising from my child's use of, or inability to use, the system, including, without limitation, the types of damage identified in CSSC's Internet/Technology Policy and administrative regulation.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:

