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Pensacola MESS Hall features new exhibit highlighting estuaries

Jan 7, 2022 – The Pensacola MESS Hall’s newly installed estuary exhibition highlights the science and social issues of our coastal community. The exhibition incorporates new hands-on activities that encourage active, prolonged engagement, prompting learners to ask their own questions and make their own discoveries. The exhibition features a new augmented reality sandbox that users shape to create topographic maps and explore how water flows over a landscape.

This exhibition incorporates math, engineering, and science in unique activities, from building a river sensor to modifying the path of flowing water to discovering how water shapes the land. Additionally, the exhibition connects to other fields, like economics and ethics, highlighting different aspects of the UN Sustainability Goals.

In addition to the exhibition, learners can dive deeper into different topics related to our natural environment during monthly Curiosity Days. These special programs are held one Saturday a month from 1 PM - 4 PM and are included with admission. Facilitated activities aligned with the theme engage learners in further discovery. Additionally, each month will include special guest scientists and workshops. Registration for workshops is recommended, and activities are suitable for ages 6 to adult.

Jan 29 – Into the Woods

Feb 12 – Birds of a Feather

March 5 – Water Works

April 9 – Fossils

May 14 – Plant Power

Funding for this exhibit and programs was provided by the Pensacola and Perdido Bay Estuary Program. The funding also includes support for a limited number of free field trips for area schools.

ABOUT THE MESS HALL

Founded in 2012, the Pensacola MESS Hall is not a typical science museum. It’s all hands-on science. Visitors to the facility enjoy exploring math, engineering, science, and stuff with an ever-changing menu of mess kits, activities and exhibits. Additionally, the MESS Hall serves our community with outreach programs, field trips, and other events. For more information about the MESS Hall, visit pensacolamesshall.org.

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