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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER'S TOUR YOUR FUTURE OFFERS HANDS-ON

CAREER EXPLORATION

GIRLS AND NON-BINARY YOUTH INVITED TO VISIT LOCAL COMPANIES THIS SUMMER TO WORK WITH STEM PROFESSIONALS



(Hi-res images available to download here)

PITTSBURGH, May 5, 2022 – Registration is open for the summer semester of <u>Tour Your Future</u>, Carnegie Science Center's signature program that introduces girls and non-binary youth ages 11–17 to discover unique and exciting careers in science, technology, engineering, and math through visits to local workplaces and universities.

Five tour sites are on the schedule from June through August. Each experience includes a guided tour of the host site's facility, a Q&A session with women+ professionals, and a hands-on activity related to the work done at the host site.

"The goal of Tour Your Future is to provide young people of marginalized genders with career knowledge and representation so that they can see themselves in these careers," said Jason Brown, Henry Buhl, Jr., Director of Carnegie Science Center. "By touring real workplaces and meeting mentors they can relate to, students can visualize new possibilities for their futures."

The summer site-tour lineup includes:

• Tues., June 28: University of Pittsburgh Center for Vaccine Research

During the tour, students will meet immunologists and virologists and explore the laboratory space and learn about all the training that goes into working with pathogenic viruses.

• Thurs., July 14: NeuBase Therapeutics

Students will explore the brand-new facility to learn about the process of designing, creating, and testing new drugs.

• Tues., July 19: University of Pittsburgh Swanon School of Engineering

Participating students will interact with current engineering ambassadors and complete an activity investigating conductivity and coding with Makey-Makey technology.

• Wed., Aug. 3: Rivers of Steel, The Explorer Riverboat

During the tour, students will set sail on The Explorer to learn about the microscopic organisms found in Pittsburgh's rivers.

• Fri., Aug. 12: Robert Morris University Department of Engineering Students will learn about the fast-growing field through a hands-on biomedical engineering activity table and a tour of Robert Morris University's labs.

Tours are open to girls+ ages 11–17 and are \$10 per person. Both individuals and groups are welcome, but pre-registration is required at CarnegieScienceCenter.org. A limited number of need-based scholarships for individuals and groups are available.

Tour Your Future welcomes cisgender girls, transgender girls, non-binary youth, gender nonconforming youth, genderqueer youth, and anyone who identifies as female.

Tour Your Future is a program of Carnegie STEM Girls+ and is presented by NOVA Chemicals and sponsored by Clearway Community Energy and EATON.

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