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ST. PETERSBURG CELEBRATES SCIENCE USF St. Petersburg Waterfront Hosts Oct. 27 Festival

ST. PETERSBURG, FL (Oct. 5, 2012) - The Second Annual St. Petersburg Science Festival, featuring nearly 100 fun, hands-on exhibits for people of all ages, will be held 10a.m. – 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at USF St. Petersburg.

The free family event, held in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's 18th Annual MarineQuest, celebrates the wonders of science, technology, engineering and math.

Last year's inaugural St. Petersburg Science Festival drew more than 6,000 people. This year's festival will feature almost four times as many exhibits, eight food trucks and a full day of entertainment and presentations.

The kick off begins at 10am at Harbor Walk Circle with the Mt. Zion Progressive Baptist Missionary Drum Line. The public is invited to participate and join the marching band wind its way through the grounds along Bayboro Harbor to the entertainment stage for a welcome by Festival Co-Chairs Theresa Burress and E. Howard Rutherford followed by a "water works" experiment.

Festival exhibits will cover all topics under the sun ranging from robotics to Rosie Spoonbill, to medicine to Mars exploration, to marine life to green living to the World of the Worm. Entertainment will include Birds of Prey, a Mad Science Show, the Under the Sea Puppet Show and electronic music. Keynote Speaker and NASA Astronaut Ann M. Micklos will present "Seven Minutes of Terror: Landing the Mars Rover Curiosity" at 1pm in DAVIS 130.

The festival is a collaboration among USF College of Marine Science, USF St. Petersburg, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg College, Draper Laboratory, Progress Energy, Paramount Power, AAA The Auto Club Group, Bayfront Health System, United States Geological Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, The Pier Aquarium, Secrets of the Sea Marine Exploration

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