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SRNS Engineers Share Knowledge during CSRA Teach-Ins

Flying objects, dry ice and robotic creatures captivate the minds of CSRA students during this year's Teach-In program

AIKEN, S.C. – March 26, 2013 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) employees recently provided science- and engineering-based demonstrations for more than 2,500 students throughout the greater Aiken-Augusta area in honor of the 2013 National Engineers Week.

Known as “Teach-Ins,” 36 SRNS engineers, scientists, and technicians from the Savannah River Site conducted 99 sessions at 15 middle schools with a focus on 7th grade students between the dates of April 19 and early March of this year.

Teach-Ins have been proven to be instrumental towards promoting the importance of a technical education along with a high level of math, science, and technology literacy. SRNS volunteers provide interactive demonstrations and informative discussions to give students a broader understanding of the field of engineering.

According to Aiken Middle School student Ashley Weaver, all of the demonstrations the SRNS employees provided have been interesting and fun. “My favorite was shooting the rockets across the room,” said Weaver. “We’ve learned so much. It’s really nice of them to visit our school and teach us cool things.”

Weaver’s teacher Elizabeth Noffsinger agreed. “A value can’t be placed on the exposure to



Aiken Middle School students Aisha Burrell (left) and Aria Harley assist SRNS volunteers Amanda Wright and David Tacchi during a demonstration involving rocket propulsion. With the completion of this year's SRNS Teach-In Program, nearly 100 demonstration sessions will have been conducted touching the lives of more than 2,500 area students.

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new concepts, intriguing ideas and real world experiences the Teach-In volunteers from SRNS were willing to share with us,” said Noffsinger. “I just can’t thank them enough.”

Middle schools in the South Carolina counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, and Edgefield, plus the Georgia counties of Columbia and Richmond have participated in this outreach program managed and sponsored by SRNS since 2009. It’s estimated that during this time period, over 10,000 students from this region have benefited from the creative work and hours effort provided by hundreds of enthusiastic Teach-In volunteers.

National Engineers Week celebrates the positive contributions engineers make to society and is a catalyst for outreach across the country to kids and adults alike.

Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC, is a Fluor led company whose members are Fluor Federal Services, Newport News Nuclear and Honeywell, responsible for the management and operations of the Department of Energy’s Savannah River Site, including the Savannah River National Laboratory, located near Aiken, South Carolina.

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