Los Alamos National Laboratory participates in National Lab Day to increase awareness of science across the nation

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Events planned May 4-5 at Bradbury Science Museum

LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, April 29, 2010—Connecting teachers and students with scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and industry professionals across the country is the goal of National Lab Day, a year-round initiative spearheaded by President Obama. Los Alamos National Laboratory is joining other Department of Energy labs and several other organizations nationwide in National Lab Day with events May 4 and 5 at the Bradbury Science Museum.

“The Laboratory is excited to be a part of National Lab Day and supports the goal of using hands-on and experiment-based science as learning tools for kindergarten through high-school-age children in our local communities,” said Carole Rutten of the Laboratory’s Community Programs Office, coordinator of the Lab’s National Lab Day program.

Events scheduled at the museum include “Manhattan Project Tuesday” on May 4 and cryogenics demonstrations on Wednesday, May 5. On Manhattan Project Tuesday, visitors can watch The Town That Never Was video airing at 10 and 11 a.m., and 1:30 and 2:30 p.m. After each airing the public can participate in a facilitated discussion led by museum science educators Liz Martineau and Gordon McDonough. The following day, science educators will lead cryogenics demonstrations at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 4 p.m.

Rutten noted that the Laboratory has more than 30 science education-related programs year-round from elementary school through college.

Additionally, the Laboratory grants employees up to 32 hours of leave per calendar year for science education community service. Rutten said the Lab will report the total number of hours of science education community service leave time in April and May on its National Lab Day Web page.

“Los Alamos National Laboratory has a range of science education programs that touch on all the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) disciplines,” said Rutten. “Science education and education outreach are vital to the future of the Lab, and National Lab Day is an ideal opportunity to share our world-class expertise with the community.”

Museum hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday and Monday. There is no admission fee.

Learn more about Laboratory science education initiatives at http://my.nationallabday.org/LANL. Or contact the Community Programs Office at (505) 665-4400 for more information.

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