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MEDIA ALERT: Summer Camp 2021 Launches and Takes Inspiration From the New Museum

Lakeland, Florida – Summer Camp Explorations will be the public's first look at new themes coming to the facility at Bonnet Springs Park. Each week takes inspiration from a future gallery or area in Park. This helps families connect with the Museum's transition and allows educators to share new educational programs with elementary age campers.

Summer Camp Explorations has been a United Way of Central Florida literacy program agency for more than ten years. Half of all summer campers attend on full scholarship and the Museum tracks their language gains. Out of the 15 campers tracked last year, all but one was reading at or above grade level after only the first grading period this school year. An accomplishment for all students since a qualification of the camp is that the student must have a documented delay.

Last year, Summer Camp Explorations was largely reserved for children of essential workers. Very few spots were available to other families and each week

Campers who are already on grade level are equally challenged. With the Museum's hands-on programming, content and challenge can be easily scaled by the educators to meet the needs of individual students. The children think they are playing games but the parents know that important skills like critical thinking, emotional intelligence, and language are being developed.

Summer camp is \$160 per week and runs from June 7 – August 6, 2021. Campers can range in age from 4 to 10. Both paid reservations and scholarship applications can be found at ExplorationsV.com/CampExplorations or call 863-687-3869.

About Explorations V Children's Museum

Explorations V Children's Museum is an independent, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization located in Lakeland, Florida dedicated to curating the world for all children to explore. Explorations V is the only children's museum in Central Florida and partners with schools, colleges, arts & cultural organizations, foundations, government, civic groups, individuals, and corporations like Disney, Publix, United Way, Born Learning, Success by 6 and many others to provide engaging programs. Museum hours are 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Sundays; the Museum is closed on major holidays and fully accessible.

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