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Question Quest: A Week of Investigating Your World

Natural and Physical Sciences Come to Life Community Partners Provide Hands-On Activities and Expertise

San Jose, CA – March 20, 2018 – Learn how to compost with worms, plant to attract birds, and discover the importance of bees to life on earth. Environmental and science organizations will be on-site helping visitors investigate, explore and engage in citizen science at **Question Quest**. This weeklong program April 9 – 13 at Children's Discovery Museum of San Jose aims to spark curiosity and excitement for the wonders of science and nature.

"Programs like **Question Quest** help young people see the relevance of science in their lives. And with the current value of science under attack, programs like **Question Quest** are more important than ever," said Marilee Jennings, executive director of Children's Discovery Museum. "Our goal is to help raise inquisitive learners capable of problem-solving and inquiry, two important 21st-century skills," added Jennings.

The centerpiece of this year's program is the museum's new outdoor space, *Bill's Backyard*, a half-acre outdoor space focused on science and environmental education.

Many of the exhibitors will build upon what's currently offered in *Bill's Backyard*. The University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources will teach techniques for worm composting and The Santa Clara Valley Audubon Society will offer ideas for planting a backyard that attracts birds. Kids will discover the amazing properties of water and sustainable practices in Water Olympics and interact with exciting insect ambassadors, and a live bee colony.

Visitors can test water quality and learn about the local watershed from students of the museum's award-winning **BioSITE** (*Students Investigating Their Environment*) program. They'll be onsite Wednesday through Friday helping children conduct experiments related to the program's yearlong study of local creeks. **BioSITE** partners with three local high schools and seven elementary schools to offer field-based environmental science programs that inspire watershed stewardship.

Question Quest Exhibitors: Guadalupe River Park Conservancy, Youth Science Institute, Santa Clara Valley Water District, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources, Santa Clara Audubon Society, Our City Forest, City of San Jose Environmental Services Department, Bees at Home with beekeeper Doug Smith, and Don Edwards San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge will be providing interactive experiments and demonstrations.

Cost of admission: adults: \$15; children: \$15; seniors: \$14; infants and members are free.

Hours of Program: Monday – Friday, April 9 – 13; 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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[About Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose](#)

With over 150 interactive exhibits and programs, **Children’s Discovery Museum of San Jose** is one of the largest museums of its kind in the nation. Since opening its doors in 1990, the museum has welcomed over 8.3 million visitors and has offered new exhibits each year that respond to children's diverse educational needs. The striking 52,000 square foot purple building was designed by Mexico City-based architect Ricardo Legorreta and is a beacon of discovery. Encompassing the broad themes of community, connections and creativity, hands-on exhibits invite self-directed, open-ended explorations. For more information about the Museum, visit www.cdm.org.