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Burroughs Wellcome Fund Invests \$1.95 Million in North Carolina Science Education Programs

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C.— The Burroughs Wellcome Fund is pleased to announce the 13 grant recipients of the 2009 Student Science Enrichment Program awards. Elementary schools were eligible for the first time during this cycle.

The Student Science Enrichment Program supports diverse out-of-school programs with a common goal: to enable primary and secondary students to participate in hands-on scientific activities and pursue inquiry-based exploration. Recipients of the program are selected by an advisory committee and finalized by the BWF Board of Directors.

Since 1996, BWF has invested \$20 million in hands-on science education programs across North Carolina reaching 27,000 students through 141 awards to 69 different organizations. Nonprofit institutes such as public and private schools, universities and colleges, museums, and community/science organizations in North Carolina are eligible for SSEP awards.

“We are pleased to provide opportunities for so many students to discover the joys of science in rich learning environments,” said Dr. John Burris, president of BWF. “The award recipients will receive more than just financial support. They will join a network of organizations across the state dedicated to bettering science education in North Carolina.”

Grant recipients of the 2009 Student Science Enrichment Program are:

Carolina Electric Vehicle Coalition

Smartt Challenge High School Program: Promoting Science Education through Renewable Transportation Technologies

Catawba College

Catawba Conservation Camp

Cherokee Elementary School

Sensational Science Saturdays

Durham Public Schools

Scientifica: DPS Nurturing Future Scientists

Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines

Girl Scouts Design and Discover

North Carolina Central University

Students Making Another Science Success Story

North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics Foundation

Labs for Learning

Pisgah Astronomical Research Institute

Space Science Lab

Scotland County Schools

Quality Education through Science Teams

Southeastern Community College

Summer Science Camp in Invasive Species

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Climate Leadership and Energy Awareness Program

Webb A. Murray Elementary School

Adventure de Ciencia: Connecting Science Content to Our World!

West Marion Elementary School

Unlocking the Mysteries! Guiding Students to Look at the World as a Science Experiment

To learn more about the Student Science Enrichment Program, visit the Burroughs Wellcome Fund website at www.bwfund.org.

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ABOUT THE FUND

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund is an independent, private foundation dedicated to advancing the medical sciences by supporting research and other scientific and educational activities. A majority of its grantmaking is made through competitive programs designed to support the career development of young scientists and to build capacity in undervalued research areas. For more information about the Fund, contact Russ Campbell, Communications Officer, at 919-991-5119 or visit our website at <http://www.bwfund.org>.