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Burroughs Wellcome Fund Invests \$2.16 million in Informal Science Education in North Carolina

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. – The Burroughs Wellcome Fund announced the recipients of its Student Science Enrichment Program grants for 2015. The awards, distributed to 13 nonprofit organizations throughout North Carolina, are for informal STEM (science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs that take place outside of the traditional classroom time.

“We are amazed at the abundance of STEM education programs that take place in our state,” said Fund President Dr. John Burris. “We look forward to the success of the 13 that continue our tradition of supporting science education in North Carolina.”

Listed below are the 2015 recipients of the Student Science Enrichment Program and their programs:

Duke University

Environmental Science Summer Program at Duke

Greene County Schools

Greene STEM Summer

Highlands Biological Station

Watershed Moments: Exploring Science and Math in Cullowhee Creek

North Carolina Arboretum Society

EcoEXPLORE (Experience Promoting Learning Outdoors for Research and Education)

North Carolina State University

Broadening STEM Participation: Providing STEM Research Experiences for Minority High School Students in the NC-Mathematics and Science Education Network Pre-college Program

North Carolina State University

iNnovative Exploration of Science and Technology (iNEST)

Pamlico County Schools

After-school and Summer Engineering Adventure Camp

Pitt County Schools

Project MERC (Making, Engineering, Robotics and Coding)

Port Discover: Northeast North Carolina's Center for Hands-On Science

Build a Better Pipeline

Rockingham District Partners In Ministry

SYSTEM- Strengthening Youth in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math

Sylvan Heights Waterfowl Park & Eco-Center

Soaring into Science

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill

Healing and Hope Through Science

University of North Carolina-Pembroke

Kids in the Garden: Developing STEM Skills for a Sustainable Future

The Student Science Enrichment Program (SSEP) supports diverse programs with a common goal: to enable primary and secondary students to participate in creative, hands-on scientific activities for K-12 students and pursue inquiry-based exploration in BWF's home state of North Carolina.

These awards provide up to \$60,000 per year for three years. Since the program's inception in 1996, BWF has awarded 201 grants totaling \$29.4 million to organizations that reach nearly 40,000 North Carolina students.

The Burroughs Wellcome Fund is an independent private foundation headquartered in Research Triangle Park, N.C. Its mission is to advance the biomedical sciences by supporting research and education. The Fund was created in 1955.

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