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# IMAGINE NEWS

## FREE FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

The Imaginarium of South Texas continues to thrive with their Free Family Fun Nights sponsored by Time Warner Cable – Connect a Million Minds. Free Family Fun Nights are held every second Thursday of the month from 4 p.m.-7p.m.

In February, the Imaginarium had over 300 pardons in attendance. This number includes both children and adults from different ethnicities and economic backgrounds. The families engaged throughout the night by exploring the exhibits and by participating in different activities. The children had the great opportunity to create their very own dinosaur fossils by using plaster of paris, plastic toy dinosaur, clay, cups and water. This activity was provided by Time Warner Cable.

As the evening continued, the children took part in a nanotechnology activity called “Exploring Properties-Capillary Action.” The hands-on activity allows the visitor to explore how liquids flow in narrow spaces. Visitors were able to investigate how the behavior allows liquids to flow against gravity and soak into coffee filters.

A robotic presentation was provided by United High School Engineering and Technology Magnet School robotics teams composed of 12 students. The Imaginarium visitors had the opportunity to have fun with the robots they created for their respective competition.

To conclude the night, the Imaginarium of South Texas robotics team, Tech Sans, also presented their robot named Robotic Bull: it can do cool tricks. In February, the Tech Sans competed in the FLL World Class 2014 Challenge; Alamo Official Qualifying Tournament and bought home the Presentation Award. Thank You Tech Sans for all you hard work and a job well done representing the Imaginarium.

The next Free Family Fun Night will be March 12, 2015 from 4 p.m. -7p.m..



*TWC Representative, Bernard Ford, creating fossils.*



## DAILY PROGRAMS

Each week the Imaginarium Puppeteers bring a new children's story to life! In honor of Valentine's Day, the puppet show book was “I Ruff You”. The kiddos created a Valentine's Day card designed as a puppy with a variety of different shape hearts. Bring your little ones to watch the show and join in a fun activity on Sunday at 2 p.m.

## UNITED WAY MULTI-VISIT WORKSHOPS

During the 2014-2015 school year, the Imaginarium of South Texas began to implement a series of workshops with both school districts, United I.S.D and Laredo I.S.D. The workshops are being grant funded by the United Way of Laredo. Both school district chose two schools each to participate in the workshops. The U.W. Workshops are educational lesson plans based on the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills in order to

help prepare the student for their state exam. A total of 200 fifth grade students from Dr. Henry Cuellar Elementary, J. Zaffirini Elementary, Ligarde Elementary and Dovalina Elementary participated in the first of five workshops. Field Trip Specialist, Ms. Ana Gloria Gonzalez, constructed the first workshop on the subject: Earth Rotation on its Axis. Student interacted with different hands-on activities, models and a

music video as a visual ad. The same fifty students from each campus will continue to visit the Imaginarium through the remainder of the school year. Thank You United Way of Laredo for your assistance to help the Laredo students.



## FAMILY CREATE-IT

The Imaginarium of South Texas *Family Create-It's* are events, held once a month, to promote family involvement by spending quality time together creating a finished product to take home. To help celebrate Valentine's Day, the

families gathered to decorate half a dozen doughnuts with different sweet toppings such as icing, sprinkles, M &M's, conversation hearts and chocolate chips. As the Imaginarium provides all the supplies, the doughnuts were graciously do-

nated by Krispy Kreme Doughnuts.

The next Family Create-It: Cascarones will be held on March 29, 2015 from 2p.m.-3p.m. and 4p.m.-5p.m.



## BIRTHDAY PARTIES

Planning a Birthday Party? Come celebrate your Birthday at the Imaginarium of South Texas. Our birthday parties are designed for the most memorable time a child can have. Come by the Imaginarium or visit our website [www.istx.org](http://www.istx.org) for more information.

Happy Birthday Victoria. Thank You for choosing the Imaginarium to celebrate your birthday. Awesome Minecraft theme!

*"Awesome Staff and assistance during party activities. Keep up the great job!"*

## HANDS-ON NANO SCOUT DAYS

The Imaginarium of South Texas and the Nanoscale Informal Science Education (N.I.S.E.) presents Hands-On Nano Scout Days. Hands-On Nano Scout Days is a workshop where local Laredo Girl Scouts will be learning about Nanotechnology. Nanotechnology is the engineering of functional systems at the molecular scale. The Imaginarium will host a total of six scout days for a total of 100 girls of different Girl Scout levels. Girl scouts will experience what nanotechnology is through various hands on activities.

Thirteen Daisy Girl Scouts made their way to the Imaginarium for the first Hands-On Nano Scout Days workshop. The Daisy Girl Scouts participated in three different hands on activities called Capillary Action, Stain Glass Windows, and Measure Yourself.

After the girls completed their hands on activities, they took advantage of their spare time to explore the museum. Thank You to N.I.S.E. for the great opportunity to allow Laredo Girl Scouts to learn and experience nanotechnology.



Laredo Girl Scout Daisies

## INTRODUCE A GIRL TO ENGINEERING DAY

The Imaginarium of South Texas annual Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day was a great success. The event took place February 25, 2015 with student from the Sabas Perez School for Engineering and Technology Education. Thirty-three eager girls participated in a chemistry related hands-on demonstrations from Kids Science Challenge called Egg Drop challenge. A special thank you to

our Key Note speakers Ms. Sofia Maldonado, Instructor of Engineering TAMIU, and Mr. Arturo Barrera Jr. P.E. PMP for making time out of their busy schedules to come speak to the girls. Also, thank you to Arby's for providing a wonderful lunch.

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*"Party host was  
outstanding and extremely  
gracious!  
Thank You!"*

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## OUT AND ABOUT

In February, the Imaginarium of Texas took part in several different community based outreaches. In conjunction with United Way Laredo, two of the Imaginarium staff members marched in both the IBC Youth Parade Under the Stars and Anheuser-Busch

Washington's Birthday Parade. The Laredo Public Library Inner City Branch held a Valentine's Day party for the community children and invited the Imaginarium to assist them with a craft booth. The children attending the party created a heart with different color

pieces of tissue paper titled "Love You to Pieces". The Imaginarium also participated in an information booth at the Laredo Public Library. This outreach allowed the Imaginarium to promote all the services we have to offer to the our community.

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