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KIDS INVENT!™ CAMPS ENCOURAGE CREATIVITY THROUGH LEARNING

(Fresno, Calif.) – Young people, grades K-8, will experience the excitement and fun of creating rockets, boats and robots and learning about video effects, chemical reactions and experiments during the Kids Invent!™ Summer Camps.

The following camp sessions will run from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Friday, in the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship on the Fresno State campus:

- Young Inventors (Grades K-3) – June 11 to June 15, 2012
- Digital Videos (Grades 4-8) – June 25 to June 29, 2012
- Science (Grades 4-6) – July 9 to July 13, 2012
- Robotics (Grades 4-8) – July 16 – July 20, 2012

Each session week ends with a showcase of the children's projects for the week. The Young Inventors session concluded last Friday at 2 p.m. and projects included: plants, bubble wands, rockets, play dough, rain sticks and weather makers. Parents and family members were invited to see the projects, a slideshow from their child's week at camp and an awards ceremony.

The summer camps promote creativity and empowerment to young people by offering a hands-on learning approach. Kids Invent!™ also offers after school programs that incorporate science, math, innovation and entrepreneurship in an effort to both teach and prepare children for their futures.

In the Digital Videos session, students will learn basic photography, video production and computer editing skills that will result in the production of a 5-10 minute movie and a 30-second trailer.

The Science session allows students to work both individually and in groups to create projects and participate in a Science Fair where they will showcase their projects.

During the Robotics session, students will work in teams to build electric models and their final product is their robots using sensors and navigating through mazes.

“The Kids Invent!™ Summer Camps give young adults the opportunity to enhance their creativity skills while learning how to apply math and science through problem solving,” said Dr. Timothy Stearns, Executive Director of the Lyles Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. “The sessions will be led by experienced and qualified professionals who will provide an enjoyable and stress-free environment to maximize the learning experience and entertainment of the program.”

For more information, please call Stefanie Trevino-Gander, Program Director, at 559-347-3907. To register for Kids Invent!™ Summer Camps, please visit www.KidsInventCA.com.

About Kids Invent!™

Kids Invent!™ was developed as a collaborative effort between Dr. Ed Sobey and Dr. Timothy Stearns. Dr. Sobey is known nationally as an expert on children’s creativity and learning. He has authored several books, served as the first Executive Director of the National Invention Center, and was the creator of the television show “The Idea Factory,” which was aired on the ABC affiliate in Fresno, California. Dr. Stearns is a nationally known educator in entrepreneurship at California State University, Fresno. In 1995, Dr. Sobey and Dr. Stearns were awarded a grant from the Lemelson Foundation to design and conduct a university program which young adults would create, develop, model, and compose a business plan for a toy idea. Later, they applied knowledge gained from that experience to develop Kids Invent!™ which is now available to kids across the globe.

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