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Science Museum Sleepover Program Reaches 75,000th Camper

28-year program brings students to the museum from across Minnesota

Saint Paul, Minn. – The Camp-Ins sleepover program at the Science Museum of Minnesota reached a milestone Thursday as the 75,000th camper slept under the dinosaurs. To celebrate the occasion, more than 500 Camp-In students from seven Minnesota elementary schools were surprised with a celebration where each of the seven schools received a \$500 technology grant from Flint Hills Resources.

The Camp-Ins program is a partnership between Flint Hills Resources and the Science Museum of Minnesota that enables thousands of students from around the state to experience the world-class museum each year. Now in its 28th season, the Camp-Ins program is one of the longest-standing museum sleepover programs in the nation. During the Camp-Ins, students explore museum exhibits, participate in hands-on workshops, watch an Omnitheater film, and more.

“We are thrilled to provide once-in-a-lifetime opportunities for 75,000 students and counting,” said Doug Raney, director of programs and special events at the Science Museum of Minnesota. “The Camp-Ins program is one of our signature events at the museum and it wouldn’t be possible without the continued generosity of Flint Hills Resources.”

In addition to sponsoring the Camp-Ins, Flint Hills Resources also sponsors assemblies, where Science Museum employees travel to elementary schools across the state to give interactive presentations about science and engineering-related topics. The program, called *Science Matters*, reaches Minnesota students who might not usually get to take

advantage of the museum's world-class resources. Since 2004 Flint Hills has sponsored interactive assemblies and Camp-Ins through the *Science Matters* program for thousands of Minnesota students from across the state. During this time, science museum employees have traveled more than 20,000 total miles for assemblies at schools throughout Minnesota. This year the *Science Matters* program will reach more than 4,000 students in 17 schools across the state.

"*Science Matters* is an outstanding program for Minnesota children, and we are delighted to be a part of it," said Heather Rein, manager of community investment for Flint Hills Resources. "Science is at the foundation of what we do every day at Flint Hills Resources, and this program is a great way to inspire the next generation of scientists."

About the Science Museum of Minnesota

The Science Museum of Minnesota serves hundreds of thousands of visitors each year with its hands-on exhibits, breathtaking giant screen films, special events, and unparalleled education programs. It is located at 120 West Kellogg Boulevard in downtown St. Paul. For specific directions, parking information, hours, show times and ticket information, call (651) 221-9444 or visit www.smm.org.

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