

# **Technology Exploration Saturdays**

## FREE STUDENT AND PARENT OPPORTUNITY FOCUSING ON SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (STEM)

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium and partners invite students to apply for our **Technology Exploration Saturdays.** 

This three-part series will be hosted at Virginia Peninsula Community College, Canon Virginia, and NASA Langley Research Center. Students and parents will be provided with interactive hands-on activities, demonstrations, and career planning resources. Workshop presenters include guest speakers and engineering technologists from NASA Langley, Newport News Shipbuilding, Canon Virginia and Virginia Peninsula Community College.

\*Lunch is provided. Parent/guardian responsible for transportation.

#### TECHNOLOGY OF THE FUTURE

Hosted by Virginia Peninsula Community College 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. January 20, 2024

Students will explore information technology, mechatronics, networking, and gain an introduction to unmanned aircraft systems (UAS, or Drones). Presenters will lead interactive sessions and work alongside students during activities.

#### AUTOMATING THE FUTURE

Hosted by Canon Virginia 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. February 2024

Students will explore fiber optics/lasers, sensors/electronic circuits, and automation used in manufacturing during interactive sessions presented by engineering technologists. Experts will interact with students and share career pathway information.

#### CREATING THE FUTURE

Hosted by NASA Langley 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 9, 2024 Students will explore the exciting world of NASA through engaging hands-on STEM activities and presentations by NASA Subject Matter Experts. Presenters will discuss NASA career opportunities and provide a look into

NASAs exciting Artemis program, which aims to land the first woman and first person of color on the Moon!

#### ELIGIBILITY

Open to 7th and 8th grade students from the Peninsula School Divisions: Williamsburg-James City County, York County, Hampton, Gloucester County, Newport News, Isle of Wight, and Poquoson Student must be a U.S. citizen and apply using application form.

#### **HOW TO APPLY**

Students must submit application to their teacher after it is signed by a parent/guardian. Teachers will submit all applications to VSGC.

\*Only one application is needed to be accepted to all three Saturday events.\* Events may be canceled due to the weather and other unforeseeable circumstances.

#### V I R G I N I A SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM

### Application Deadline to VSGC: December 11, 2023

Learn more about the Virginia Space Grant Consortium on our website:







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