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## **Reuben H. Fleet Science Center to Host “Public Science Day” for Local Students**

***Public Science Day to take place February 18, 2010 during the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Conference***

**SAN DIEGO, Calif., January 11, 2010** – Public Science Day has been a part of the AAAS annual meeting for more than twenty years. The highly anticipated event partners AAAS with local institutions and is designed to engage local students in science through interactive and hands-on experiences. The 2010 Public Science Day will take place at the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center from **9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 18, 2010.**

AAAS and the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center have invited children from area elementary schools to “Get Your Hands on Science.” Participating schools include: **Kimbrough Elementary, Johnson Elementary, and Chavez Elementary.** Approximately 150 students from each school, and their chaperones, will participate in the activities. Throughout the course of the day, the Fleet expects to serve 500 third through sixth grade students.

Additional local educational institutions will also gather at the Fleet to offer a hands-on tour through the sciences. Participating museums and attractions include: the San Diego Natural History Museum, the San Diego Air & Space Museum, and the San Diego Zoo. Working together, AAAS, the Fleet and the San Diego partner institutions are fulfilling the AAAS mission to “advance and serve society” one community at a time.

On this exciting day, students will:

- Dig up the past with fossil investigations,
- Use KEVA planks to engineer a tower reaching as high as the ceiling,
- Explore the fundamentals of flight,
- Discover how scientists apply nature’s best ideas to solve human problems, and

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- Continue the investigation at home with a take-away bag full of classic science materials from the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center's North Star Science Store.

### **About the AAAS Annual Meeting**

An exceptional array of speakers will gather at the 2010 AAAS Annual Meeting from February 18-22 in San Diego to present the latest thinking and developments in the areas of science, technology, engineering, education, and policy-making. One of the most widely recognized interdisciplinary scientific events, the AAAS Annual Meeting offers hundreds of networking opportunities and broad national and international media coverage.

### **About the Reuben H. Fleet Science Center**

The Reuben H. Fleet Science Center ("the Fleet") is home to Southern California's only IMAX® Dome Theater and 100+ hands-on science exhibits for all ages. Watch immersive giant-screen films in the Eugene and Marilyn Jacobs Heikoff Dome Theater, featuring the world's first NanoSeam™ Dome screen showing IMAX films. Experience seven galleries of fun, interactive exhibits, including major traveling exhibitions. A 23-passenger Motion Simulator Ride thrills visitors with journeys into exciting realms. Located at 1875 El Prado, two blocks south of the San Diego Zoo on Park Blvd, the Fleet Science Center is a non-profit organization dedicated to furthering the public understanding and enjoyment of science and technology. For information regarding current admission prices, please call (619) 238-1233 or visit our Web site at [www.rhfleet.org](http://www.rhfleet.org).

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