

# News Release

## Summer is for STEM with BASF at Beaumont Children's Museum

BEAUMONT, TX, August 15, 2019 – The Golden Triangle has 41 more students ready to conquer the world through science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), following a week-long BASF Kids' Lab camp at the Beaumont Children's Museum. This year's camp was sponsored by BASF and BASF TOTAL Petrochemicals LLC.

First through fifth graders participated in a series of slimy, electric, colorful and fascinating experiments while developing a basic understanding of STEM activity. Dedicated to supporting the next generation in the field, 19 BASF employees volunteered to lead the experiments, creating an engaging and exciting environment for the kids.

"It's all about exposing the kids to science through fun and relatable activities so they feel encouraged to take interest," said Louisa MacCormack, BASF Professional Development Program Intern and volunteer employee. "Complex science concepts can be broken down for a child's understanding, while still providing them with the same knowledge."

With an abundance of curiosity and eagerness to explore, the young scientists happily continued to learn during their summer vacation, formulating and creating with BASF.

“This camp would not be successful without BASF,” said Kelli Ferguson, Senior Program Specialist Administrator, Beaumont Children’s Museum. “It is so rewarding to be part of an initiative that leaves kids saying they want to be a chemist when they grow up.”

BASF’s Beaumont and Port Arthur sites sponsored Kids’ Lab at the Beaumont Children’s Museum based on a shared passion to inspire kids to learn and engage in the world around them.

“BASF encourages and supports STEM education as a core initiative in our communities,” said Laura Austin, Site Development Manager, BASF Agricultural Solutions North America. “Partnering with organizations like the Beaumont Children’s Museum allows us to provide early opportunities to ignite a passion in young minds and support the next generation of thought leaders.”

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