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7,000 Students Will Visit Science City for Free in 2010

Funding Provided by Jackson County Grant

KANSAS CITY, Mo. | Students from several Jackson County school districts will have the chance to experience Science City at Union Station now through October 15.. The field trips are possible thanks to a \$48,010 grant from Jackson County, Missouri.

A limited number of scholarships are still available. Qualifying schools may download an application at www.unionstation.org/scholarship.pdf. Schools are welcome to email youthsales@unionstation.org with any questions.

The field trips are being awarded on a first-come, first serve basis and are available to students grades K-12 at public schools in predominantly under-served school districts in Jackson County. These include students from schools in the Independence, Kansas City, Missouri, Center, Hickman Mills, Fort Osage, Grandview and Raytown school districts.

“Union Station’s mission is focused on science and history education and it’s our goal to reach as many children as possible in our community,” said George Guastello, President and CEO of Union Station Kansas City, Inc. “We know funding for educational field trips is challenging for schools in these tough economic times, and we are grateful to the county legislature of Jackson County for allocating funds for this grant.”

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As part of the grant, teachers and students will be completing surveys about their field trip. In addition, follow up will be done with classroom teachers six weeks after the visit to assess what impact the field trip has had on the students' knowledge of and continued interest in science.

More than 625,000 school children have visited Science City since it opened 10 years ago. Science City is a cityscape themed, hands-on science city with more than 125 exhibits in 18 environments, or neighborhoods which target a wide range of school curriculum standards. Favorite exhibits include the Sky Bike (a bike suspended on a wire 30-feet above ground), the Dino Lab, Music Park, KinderLab, Body Tours, Nature Center and the Mister E. Hotel. All groups are invited to attend Union Station's exciting Model Railroad Experience at no charge, as part of any visit.

About Union Station Kansas City

Union Station Kansas City is a historical landmark and civic asset renovated and reopened to the public in 1999. The organization, driven by its mission of science and history education and entertainment, features a science center, the KC Rail Experience, the Extreme Screen movie theater, live theater, shops and restaurants. Visit unionstation.org for details.

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