

NC Gravity Games Invites Teams from Across State to Showcase STEM Skills

***Google, Appalachian State & NC Science Festival Emphasize Engineered Cars,
Tease Expanded Science Row***

Registration Closes on April 11, Checkered Flag Waves on April 23

(Lenoir, NC) - Feb. 8, 2016 - The 6th Annual [NC Gravity Games](#) invites students from across the state to test their STEM skills on April 23 in downtown Lenoir.

A signature event of the [North Carolina Science Festival](#), the games feature gravity-powered cars competing in a series of downhill races -- complete with cheering crowds. [Registration](#) closes at midnight ET on April 11.

In addition, an adjacent 'science row' features mind-expanding exhibits, including more this year than ever before. Planned highlights include hands-on exhibits from the Catawba Science Center, Morehead Planetarium and Science Center, UNC Neuroscience Center and the Engineering Place and Women in Engineering @ NCSU. The entire event is free and open to the public.

In previous years, the games have attracted more than 200 teams from every corner of the state -- and 2016 promises to be among the biggest yet. Organizers are raising the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) stakes by emphasizing 'engineered cars,' i.e. gravity-powered vehicles developed from scratch rather than kits. Kit cars -- often elaborately decorated -- will still be a featured attraction.

Prizes include bragging rights, tech goodies, medals and trophies -- plus the pride in being recognized as STEM superstars.

"Since our first event in 2011, hundreds of students have honed their STEM skills and chalked up incredible experiences at the NC Gravity Games," says Enoch Moeller, operations manager at Google's North Carolina data center, which is based in Lenoir. "Google is proud to be a founder, privileged to work with committed partners and thrilled with the ingenuity of North Carolina's young engineers."

For more, please visit ncgravitygames.com or email us at contact@ncgravitygames.com.

6th Annual NC Gravity Games

Event dates: Saturday, April 23

Event times: 8:30am-3pm

Admission: Free

Venue: Downtown Lenoir

Venue address: Racing on Ashe Avenue

Presented by Google and Appalachian State University.

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