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Two new programs have been added recently to the SCORE science camp schedule for the week of June 10.

Camp Director Marla Smith announced this week that Jack Dunn, state museum planetarium director at UNL, is going to return to SCORE and present several laser shows and small group sessions.

The other addition is the “Fantastic Fun—River Run” exhibit brought by Scott Snell of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District (NRD) headquartered in York.

Dunn will present short, educational and entertaining laser shows in the school auditorium, in addition to the Strategic Air and Space Museum exhibits and displays on Monday, June 10, from 5 to 6:30 p.m.

In addition, Dunn will give “lasermania” sessions to 3-4 and 5-6 graders on June 11 and 12.

Smith said Dunn has been a SCORE supporter since it began in 1989, and has presented during the science camps several summers, introducing children to the world of astronomy.

He and his wife are moving from Nebraska later this year, and wanted to return to SCORE one last time.

Snell of the Upper Blue NRD is a public relations specialist and will bring the hands-on, interactive exhibit designed to educate students of all ages on the issues of maintaining a dynamic river system.

“Harmony River” is a fictitious river that begins as snow pack in the mountains, winds through an interstate compact zone, becoming a regulated river with a reservoir and dam. Moving through ag and municipal use areas, it finally discharges from the basin.

The exhibit winds across the floor surface for over 34 feet, and is made up of 16 trapezoidal modules that fit together to form the “river.” It stands 12 inches high, features lighted panels and a complete sound system that plays nature and river water sounds.

The public will also be able to view the exhibit at the Champion Community Center on Friday, June 14, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. during the grade 3-4 small group sessions.

The exhibit will come to SCORE free of charge, and recently received the National Association of Conservation Districts’ top award for excellence in communication.

The 2013 camp theme is “Tri-Science.”

Program change

Smith said the outreach program with Dr. Dennis Ferraro, a herpetologist, scheduled for Friday, June 14, has been cancelled.

Ferraro’s student assistant Josh Mead will teach small group sessions at Champion Lake to third and fourth graders. Dr. Ferraro will be doing some field work while in the Imperial area as he does every summer.

Smith noted registration remains open for all camps—grades 1-2, 3-4 and 5-6. Final registration is Monday, June 3. The fee is \$100 per camper.

Each grade level camp will be held over three days, all during the week of June 10-14.

More information is on the website: www.scorecamp.com