Nebraska's hands-on science museum bears the name of one of Aurora's famous native sons, Dr. Harold Edgerton, a scientist, educator and inventor.

"Doc" Edgerton is known internationally as the father of flash photography and developer of the strobe light and side scan solar. His distinguished career at MIT and his research led him to work with many renowned organizations and individuals.

The Edgerton Explorit Center in Aurora, Neb., is devoted to providing fun, hands-on learning opportunities for people of all ages. The center provides exhibits, activities, special events, camps and tour programs which offer countless opportunities for discovery and exploration.

Ken Schroeder and John Thompson will spend all week at S.C.OR.E. this summer, engaging students and adults in a wide variety of experiences.

Schroeder is in his third year as Executive Director of the Edgerton Explorit Center. He has over 24 years of non-profit executive management and many of those years have been directly involved in the lives of young learners.

From the classroom to church groups, presenting information to help shape the lives of children and youth has been his passion. In his current role at the Edgerton Explorit Center, he has the great joy of leading a team to provide learning opportunities on a daily basis and watch as kids launch into areas of learning that are new and sometimes challenging.

Schroeder will be at S.C.O.R.E. June 15-19 along with Edgerton instructor, John Thompson. Together they will present the "Best of Edgerton Outreach" to students and the public on Monday, June 15.

They will kick off the camp with an explosion or two along with several other great science demonstrations. Both men will also be doing great science demos at the S.C.O.R.E. Science Show on Wednesday evening, June 17, at the fairgrounds.

Schroeder will teach sessions all week on "Grossology" and "Robotics." Ken will bring several hands-on activities from Edgerton to the "S.C.O.R.E. Zone," a gym full of science activities and fun on Monday, June 15.

The S.C.O.R.E. ZONE is a new concept to S.C.O.R.E. this year. Students will get to engage in all kinds of science experiments and activities which will be set up in the grade school gym. Some of the stations will have teachers. Others are set up so students can experiment on their own.

Thompson will teach "Eyeballs" using the dissection of cow eyes to learn all about the human eye. "Earth, Wind, and Fire" is a session on alternative energy that will include solar robots, solar cars, wind power and more.

At Bauerle's Pond, Thompson will teach 5-6 graders about fish anatomy and how to fillet a fish. Thompson will entertain students with his many science demos . . . he likes to BLOW THINGS UP!!

This summer will be Edgerton's third year at S.C.O.R.E.