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SRNS Challenges Local Students during “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day”

Middle school girls learn that being a scientist or engineer is challenging, rewarding and even fun

AIKEN, S.C. – May 6, 2013 – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS), in partnership with the Society of Women Engineering and The Ruth Patrick Science Education Center, recently extended invitations to middle schools throughout the greater Aiken-Augusta area to select young women to participate in this year’s “Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.”

Held at the Ruth Patrick Science and Education Center, on the University of South Carolina Aiken campus, each participating school selected and sent three female students who have shown an interest in a career involving engineering to this event.



Former SRNS Engineer, Doug Leader, demonstrates how the properties of liquid nitrogen have real world applications in the field of engineering to middle school students from throughout the Central Savannah River Area during Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day, sponsored by SRNS and the Ruth Patrick Science Center.

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“I think this is pretty cool,” said Holly McInnes, Eighth Grade, Greenbrier Middle School. “I thought we’d just be sitting in an auditorium. But, we’ve been doing a lot of different hands-on things.”

According to SRNS Manager of Talent Development and Education Outreach Programs Candice Dermody, the Introduce a Girl to Engineering program is designed to emphasize the National Engineers Week message of encouraging students to consider careers in engineering, science and technology.

“Our program typically consists of a series of hands-on activities and intriguing demonstrations that prove to these young ladies that being a scientist or engineer can be interesting and even, at times, exciting,” said Dermody. “These activities also show how natural problem-solving abilities form the basis for many engineering skills.”

During the day-long event, the participants also had an opportunity to interact with women currently working in various fields of science, technology and engineering.

The primary goal of the SRNS Education Outreach programs is to enhance interest in science, mathematics, engineering and technology and to support improvements in education in the Central Savannah River Area by using the unique resources available at the Site.

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