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## SRNS Engineers Share Knowledge during CSRA Teach-Ins

*Flying objects, dry ice and robotic creatures captivate the minds of CSRA students during this year's Teach-In program*

AIKEN, S.C. – (March 4, 2014) – Savannah River Nuclear Solutions, LLC (SRNS) employees recently provided science- and engineering-based demonstrations for more than 3,000 students throughout the greater Aiken-Augusta area in honor of National Engineers Week 2014.

Known as “Teach-Ins,” 99 of these demonstrations were conducted by more than 40 SRNS engineers, scientists and technicians at 31 middle schools with a focus on 7th grade students over a two-week period.

Teach-Ins have proven to be instrumental towards promoting the importance of a high level of math, science and technology literacy. SRNS volunteers provide interactive demonstrations and informative discussions to give students a broader understanding of the field of engineering.

According to Riverside Middle School student Lauren Salter, all of the demonstrations the SRNS employees provided have been interesting and fun.



SRNS engineer Bill Wabbersen explains how air can be used to float a home-made hovercraft capable of supporting two students at the 2014 Teach-In at Riverside Middle School in Evans, Ga.

“My dad’s an engineer, but until today, I didn’t know much about it,” said Salter. “We’ve learned so much. It’s really opened up my horizons to understanding engineering.”

”I now see how they use math and science in everyday life,” added Katie Plowman, student, Riverside Middle School. “It’s actually really cool.”

Middle schools in the South Carolina counties of Aiken, Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell and Edgefield, plus the Georgia counties of Columbia and Richmond, have participated in this outreach program managed and sponsored by SRNS since 2008. During this time period, over 10,000 students from this region have benefited from the creative work and hours of effort provided by hundreds of enthusiastic Teach-In volunteers.

National Engineers Week celebrates the positive contributions engineers make to society and is a catalyst for outreach across the country to kids and adults alike.

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