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20 Photo Ops at SFU's Open House May 31 (noon-4:30 p.m.)

Note: Parking is free. Our office will be open - call [Phone removed] if we can be of help. Or contact Fiona Burrows at [Phone removed] or [Phone removed]

May 29, 2008

Feel the thunder

Convocation Mall, 12:15 & 2:15

Studies aside, these university students are known to create a little thunder. Team Cheondoong (which is Korean for thunder) will demonstrate its powerful traditional Korean percussion music. Their dramatic performances have been carefully shaped by a Korean master (Sung Il Kim) and years of training. Their goal is to demonstrate the richness of Korean culture and performing arts through the dynamic nature and unique beats of its dramatic rhythms.

Carnival on the mall

Convocation Mall

There will be jugglers, balloon animals, caricature artists, face painting, spin art, popcorn, cotton candy, carnival games and prizes galore. Guaranteed to please the kids.

People power's new meaning

Arts & Social Sciences Complex, room 10041, 2 pm

The Bionic Energy Harvester turns walking into watts. Find out how walking mechanics allows us to generate enough electricity to power 10 cellular phones simultaneously without any added effort.

Bio-blitz on Burnaby Mountain

Academic Quadrangle-South Concourse

Join biologists for a real-time inventory of life on Burnaby Mountain. See the 'molds of your world', plant- and tissue-culture displays. Extract DNA, see life through a microscope, determine your lung capacity, and solve the 'bone mystery'. Discover what dunking your head in a bucket of ice water does to your heart rate. And don't forget 'vermin world' where you'll see specimens and posters of the world's major pests and parasites.

Human recognition

Applied Science building

You're a police officer. What if you have just minutes to locate someone in 200 hours of video surveillance tape? Discover how computer vision might do it by using artificial intelligence to understand and recognize human activity in images and videos.

E2 real estate project

Academic Quadrangle-South Concourse

You want to buy a condo in a new development but you can't be there to view the showroom suite. Meet E2, an immersive and interactive building model. Press a touch-activated window to view the unit's architecture and design on a screen.

Ultimate reality

Academic Quadrangle-South Concourse

Enter a mixed-reality environment and experience digital projects and spaces in the physical world. Explore the prototyping process from initial concept to modeling and creating manuals. Create and manipulate digital faces with specialized software. Play a video game that strives to help the homeless.

Year-round gardening

Arts & Social Sciences Complex

Students from the School of Interactive Arts and Technology have created Sustain-a-Stack, and the basic concept is year-round gardening.

The Future of Cinema: 3D movies

Applied Science Building, room 10900, 3:45 pm

Watch and learn about 3D movies, how they are made and how they are displayed, in the IRMACS

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3D Theatre.

The biggest machine in the world

Applied Science Building, room 10900, 2:45 pm

Physicists built it to explore some of the greatest mysteries about our existence. Take a virtual 3D tour of the ATLAS experiment.

Robots to the rescue

Applied Science building

SFU Computing Science students demonstrate their award-winning search and rescue robots, navigating a maze to find survivors.

An ambient exploration of streaming media themes

Applied Science building

Immerse yourself in the surrounding sounds of the World Soundscape Studio. Explore the world through the many eyes of the Global Media Monitoring and Analysis Lab. Submerge into the Media Analysis lab's deep, blue-screen experience as seen on TV. Feeling adventurous? The AMECom (emergency preparedness) all-terrain vehicle is ready to brave the waves.

Autonomous robots

Applied Science building

Learn about life-like robots that decide for themselves when and where to work and when to recharge. Meet a group of 20 custom-built Chatterbox robots that 'live' in the lab, using light and sound to communicate with each other and with humans.

Arts-contemporary style

Arts & Social Sciences Complex atrium-performances through out the afternoon

Hear an authentic Gamelan orchestra, catch a dance or drum performance, make a mini-film or experiment on old-time synthesizers. Climb aboard a high-tech plinth to generate sound and light with your fancy footwork. See what happens when contemporary artists from different disciplines come together to make a little magic.

Climate change and you

Arts & Social Sciences Complex

Make a milkshake with your own pedal power at a bicycle blender station. The Sustainability Advisory Committee provides top ten tips to make a difference everyday in our lives. Kids can create some art at the nature-themed colouring stations, check out the nature challenge, try the energy savings quiz.

Art Gallery

Academic Quadrangle, room 3040

View the E.J. Bellocq photography exhibit and get a glimpse into a New Orleans brothel in 1912. This is the first time these 49 extraordinary images are being exhibited in B.C. Please note: this exhibit includes nudity.

Fabulous feats of physics

B9200, 12:30 & 2:30

Strange and exciting demonstrations will amaze and educate you. We promise to explain everything we show you-nothing up our sleeves!

Stinks and bangs

C9001, 1:30 pm

From explosions to magic and things that will wow you. Chemists show you what can be done with chemistry. Fun for all!

Science is fun

Academic Quadrangle-South Concourse

Mining for magnets, fun with fluids, and liquid nitrogen ice cream is just a taste of the interactive presentations. Be sure to check out the miniature train that floats above the track.

Voicing the mosaic

Academic Quadrangle-East Concourse

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Explore the nature of linguistic identity in Canada in general and Surrey in particular through an interactive 12' x 18' installation art and document piece created by the Explorations in Arts and Social Sciences program. Come find yourself in the mosaic.