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Saturday is WeatherFest at the Bullock

Tornado simulations, free films and storm-spotter training planned

MARCH 6, 2014 (AUSTIN, TX) - See an indoor tornado and learn how to spot and report severe weather in your community during WeatherFest 2014 slated for Saturday, March 8 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Bullock Texas State History Museum. Time Warner Cable News Austin and Girlstart are partnering with the Bullock Museum to offer severe weather training and hands-on science activities during this year's event.

Meteorologists from Time Warner Cable News Austin will recap some of the world's most dramatic natural events and talk about their experiences in the field. Take part in storm-spotter training and see storm-chaser vehicles up close.

Girlstart, an organization that empowers girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), is hosting hands-on STEM related activities including kites, anemometers, thermometers and more. Their volunteers and staff will demonstrate an indoor tornado simulation and green screen technology where children can try their hand as a television weather person.

Special film screenings of *Tornado Alley 3D*, *Hurricane on the Bayou*, and *Wild Texas Weather* are planned. Please see full schedule of events below and visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746 for more.

SCHEDULE

Texas Spirit Theater

10 a.m. NOAA Basic SKYWARN Storm Spotter Training Workshop

Skywarn is a national volunteer program and this workshop is for anyone who wants to learn about how storms form and move in Central Texas. Learn how to safely identify and accurately report severe weather threats so that watches and warnings can be issued ahead of the threat.

12:30 p.m. FREE Screening of *Wild Texas Weather*

Feel the wrath of Mother Nature at the Bullock Texas State History Museum's 4D film *Wild Texas Weather*. A gale-force, immersive theater presentation, this movie is packed so tight with energy, audiences will be blown away.

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- 1 p.m. Ask a Meteorologist**
Participating Austin-area meteorologists include organizer Burton Fitzsimmons (Time Warner Cable News Austin), and meteorologists from KXAN News, KEYE News and KOKE/UT.
- 2 p.m. FREE Screening of *Twister!***
Followed by tornado Q&A.

Lone Star Plaza

- 10 a.m. to 3p.m.** See the University of Oklahoma's Shared Mobile Atmospheric Research and Teaching (SMART) radar truck deployed out front of the museum to offer a hands-on tour and get up close to the high-tech vehicles used by storm chasers.

Second Floor Lobby

- 10 a.m. to 3p.m.** Want to know how a tornado forms, what is so important about the water cycle, or how the weather has changed Texas history? Learn about these topics and much more with activities especially for families with children ages 4 and up provided by Girlstart, the Bullock Museum and Central Texas Discover Engineering.

Bullock Museum IMAX Theatre

All Day *IMAX screenings of movies related to Texas weather - ticket prices apply.*

Tornado Alley 3D at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 4:30 p.m.

IMAX Icons: Hurricane on the Bayou at 1:30 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

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About the Bullock Texas State History Museum

The Bullock Texas State History Museum in downtown Austin tells the unfolding story of the history, culture and people of Texas. The Museum has welcomed over 6 million visitors since it opened in 2001. The Museum and IMAX Theatre are located at 1800 N. Congress Avenue. For more, visit www.TheStoryofTexas.com or call (512) 936-8746.

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About Girlstart

Girlstart's mission is to empower girls in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). Girlstart cultivates a culture where risk is rewarded, curiosity is encouraged, and creativity is expected. As a result, Girlstart girls are connected, brave, and resilient. Girlstart makes girls more successful, and inspires them to take on the world's greatest challenges through hands-on STEM programs at after school clubs, summer camps, Girls In STEM Conferences, STEM Saturdays, Starry Nights (in our Mini-planetarium) and large-scale STEM events for families. Visit www.girlstart.org to learn more!