Region's students have fun during USU's Physics Day at Lagoon

An estimated 6,000 students from schools in Idaho, Utah, Nevada and Wyoming attended the 17th annual Utah State University Physics Day event Friday, May 20, at Lagoon Amusement Park in Farmington, Utah.

The daylong activity is designed to be an educational approach to teaching fundamental physics concepts to middle school and high school students, using an amusement park as a laboratory.

Students from 10 Idaho high schools and one junior high school participated in the event: Hillcrest, Bonneville, American Falls, Blackfoot, Century, Malad, Gooding, Twin Falls, Grace, and West Side high schools and Burley Junior High School.

Students took part in a Colossus Colossal G-Force contest, physics bowl competition, student workbooks, and contests in demonstration design, ride design and logo design. A new egg drop competition was also conducted.

USU Physics Day is an education outreach activity run jointly by the USU Physics Department and the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory. Other sponsors include Boeing, Lagoon Amusement Park, Thiokol, the U.S. Navy, Micron, USU College of Science, USU Office of Recruitment and Enrollment Services, Rocky Mountain NASA Space Grant Consortium and Idaho NASA Space Grant Consortium, Marie Putnam, Moog Aircraft Group, Science Applications International Corporation and S&S Power Inc.

Physics Day is one of several programs at INL that encourages science education for students, who may join the laboratory work force and help carry out the long-term mission of INL.

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