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# Challenger Connection

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## School Missions: Sign up Today!



Mission sign up has begun for the 2008-2009 school year. We look forward to our seventh year serving local school districts.

Professional development for educators is an integral part of our educational program and is held every summer for new and returning teachers to the CLC.

This summer we are excited to provide our teachers with even more activities to help them enhance the students' mission experience.

## Corporate Missions

Challenger Learning Center at Paducah offers unique corporate programs designed to promote teamwork, problem solving, decision making and communication skills. Employees and employers will perform tasks and face the same challenges as real NASA astronauts, scientists and engineers. The core activity for each program is a two-hour space mission that takes place in a simulated space environment, including a space station and Mission Control. For more information about corporate missions please visit [www.clcpaducah.org](http://www.clcpaducah.org) or call (270) 534-3097.

## Outstanding Educator Award



Amy Ramage, 5th grade math teacher at South Livingston County Elementary School, was recently named the Challenger Learning Center Outstanding Educator for the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Ramage was awarded a framed certificate of achievement and a gift certificate from Travis School

Company. The Livingston County school district also received a free mission for the 2008-2009 school year. Ms. Ramage was nominated by her principal, Ms. Sheri Henson. Ms. Henson stated in her nomination form that Ms. Ramage not only supports the CLC program but she cares about her students by setting high expectations and pushing them to do their very best. Her students enjoy being in her classroom because they know she cares.

The Challenger Learning Center Advisory Committee chose Ms. Ramage because she demonstrates an active support of and participation in the CLC program. We appreciate the support that Ms. Ramage and the Livingston County Schools has given to the Challenger Learning Center.

The Challenger Learning Center at Paducah plans to choose an Outstanding Educator each school year. Educators must be nominated by someone in a school district administrative position.

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## Trivia Night

On February 1, 2008 the Challenger Learning Center at Paducah held its second annual Trivia Night. The night included ten rounds of trivia for a total of 100 questions. Twenty-six tables competed for first, second and third place prizes. A silent auction with items such as massages, facials and dinner baskets was also held. The evening brought in over \$3000 in profit. Be on the lookout for information about next year's Trivia Night. It is never too early to study!



## DID YOU KNOW?

⇒ There are 88 official constellations. But astronomers haven't made up new constellations for hundreds of years! When new stars are discovered, they are considered to be a part of whatever constellation they are closest to.

⇒ On April 12, 1961, Yuri Gagarin, a Russian cosmonaut, became the first human to travel into space in Vostok and return. Less than a month later on May 5, 1961, Alan Shepard became the first American to travel to space in Freedom 7.

⇒ Astronaut Gene Cernan, commander of Apollo 17, is the last human to have walked on the moon. This happened in December of 1972.

## Space Quest 2008

The Challenger Learning Center is currently gearing up for its seventh year of summer camps. Known as Space Quest 2008, this year's summer camps will offer a wide variety of options in length, age level and interest area. We will have our always popular one-day camps for students rising into 2nd-4th grades called Mission Specialist I and II. We will also offer a CSI camp where students try to find the missing Mars rocks and a Mission to Mars camp in which campers build a life size colony for students entering grades 4th-7th. Robotics Camp will be offered for students entering 6th-8th grades in which campers will build a variety of different robots. Students entering 5th-8th grades can attend Rocket Camp where they will build and launch five different kinds of rockets.



Space Quest 2008 registration has begun, so get your camp forms in early to guarantee a spot for your child. Visit our website at [www.clcpaducah.org](http://www.clcpaducah.org) for prices, descriptions and dates. Registration forms can also be printed from the website.

## Support Opportunities

The Challenger Learning Center is looking for individuals and businesses who are interested in helping promote the importance of science and math education in our region.

Please contact Mellisa Duncan, Center Director, at (270) 534-3097 for more information on how you can support our future scientists and engineers.

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