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# Wednesdays at World Of Energy

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SENECA — Duke Energy's World of Energy at Oconee Nuclear Station launched its popular Wednesdays at the WOE summer education series, providing an opportunity for kids in the Upstate to learn about science in a fun and engaging way.

The programs began June 21, and will continue on June 29, July 12 and 19. Designed for children ages 6-12, the free activities begin at 10 a.m. and are open to the public, though registration is required for select events.

World of Energy manager Chris Rimel said Wednesdays at the WOE programs take place

each summer, providing hands-on, science-based activities sure to cure summer boredom while spurring the imagination.

"We're nearing our 50th anniversary in 2019, and education offerings like these have been the lifeblood of the World of Energy since 1969," Rimel said "Wednesdays at the WOE events are good times to bring that magic, as learning happens when the student doesn't know it is — because it's fun!"

On June 21, a fun, kid-friendly

and interactive introduction about the upcoming total solar eclipse took place. Following the presentation, attendees stuck around for a special showing of the Looney Tunes classic, "Bugs Bunny in King Arthur's Court" in which everyone's favorite rabbit outwits Elmer Fudd (again) with the help of a timely eclipse.

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"This is one you won't want to miss," Rimel said.

On July 12, kids can get their hands dirty with hands-on science experiments. They'll make kinetic sand and slime and take it home.

Roper Mountain Science Center's mobile StarLab is coming to the World of Energy on July 19 with its newest exhibit, which gives kids a close-up view

of a total solar eclipse.

"Participants will learn about how solar eclipses happen, the alignment of the sun, moon and earth, and how to get the best look at the real deal on Aug. 21," Rimel said.

Two sessions are being offered, at 10 a.m. and again at 11 a.m. RSVP is required on July 12 and 19 and space is limited.

"Wednesdays at the WOE programs are the perfect way to educate and enlighten Upstate students by exposing them to the wonders of science, technology, engineering and mathematics," Rimel said.

For more information, contact the World of Energy at (864) 873-4600 or visit [duke-energy.com/worldofenergy](http://duke-energy.com/worldofenergy).