



## **MOBILE DISCOVERY CENTER (MDC) TO VISIT NORTHERN VIRGINIA at the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Hartwood Days Festival**

Augusta, GA – Discovering the wonders of science and math comes in many forms and can be accomplished in a variety of ways. When the National Science Center's Mobile Discovery Center (MDC) van visits the 10th annual Hartwood Days Festival on Saturday, September 12th 2009, youth, Northern Virginia students, parents, and teachers alike will be immersed in the excitement of hands-on science.

Housed in an 18-wheeler van, staffed by U.S. Army military and Department of Army civilian personnel, and traveling all over the country, MDC van presentations show young people that studying science, technology and math can be exciting and fun as well as essential to their future.

The MDC van combines two functions ... a classroom and an exhibit hall... into one facility. As a classroom, it features hands-on science demonstrations designed to be fun and informative and to involve the visitors in the demonstrations. And as an exhibit hall, it showcases small interactive exhibits and displays. A 50-minute MDC presentation consists of hands-on, interactive science demonstrations. Beginning at 9:00 AM, the crew will begin conducting sessions, and each session accommodates from 35-40 youth at a time.

Just ONE Of the many exhibits that will be available during the Hartwood Days Youth Festival, in Fredericksburg – all students and families welcome. For more information, events, and directions check out [www.hartwooddays.org](http://www.hartwooddays.org) .



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