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Unveiling of New Youth STEM Center of Innovation at Fort Meade

WHAT: Grand opening of Youth STEM Center of Innovation
WHEN: April 30, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (RSVP by Fri, April 26)
WHERE: Meade CYS Middle School/Teen Center
3102 MacArthur Rd
Fort Meade, MD 20755

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Fort George G. Meade announces the grand opening of its renovated after-school youth services Science, Technology, Engineering and Math “Center of Innovation” April 30, 2019.

The new center will provide students with more access to advanced technologies with activities in biology, chemistry, engineering design, aquatic robotics, holograms, music technology and art.

The renovations for the new center were funded by a \$45,000 grant from the Boys & Girls Clubs of America and Raytheon, an electronics manufacturer and defense contractor. A portion of the grant was used to enrich the STEM learning curriculum.

On average, nearly 60 students visit the teen center daily, which is expected to increase with the innovative additions to the center.

“Fort Meade is the epicenter of cyber operations for the U.S. Department of Defense,” said Col. Erich A. Spragg. “It makes sense to ensure the boys and girls at Fort Meade are prepared to fill the thousands of growing cyber related jobs in the area.”

Media interested in covering this event will be able to speak to staff and students who will utilize the new center. Representatives of BGCA and Raytheon will also be on hand for the opening.

BACKGROUND

Fort Meade stands at the forefront of national security through its cyber defense and offense efforts and continues to grow in importance in the technology universe. With more than 100 years of service, we are the nation's platform for intelligence, information and cyber operations. The installation is the largest employer in the state of Maryland with a joint force of 56,000 civilian and military professionals working around the clock in defense of the nation. We are the second largest Army installation in the continental United States in terms of personnel and home to all branches of military service. We have 119 partner organizations located on our installation including U. S. Cyber Command, the National Security Agency, the Defense Information Systems Agency, and the Defense Information School, as well as federal agencies such as the Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Science Center.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Media interested in covering this event must RSVP by Friday, April 26.

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