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Report: TAME Trailblazer Trip – Texas Tech and Lubbock Area Schools
October 8-12, 2007
Hosted by Texas Tech University

Thanks to donations and volunteer support from Texas Tech University, the T-STEM Center and the Center for Engineering Outreach, **nearly 300 students** from the Lubbock area were given the unique opportunity to experience the TAME Trailblazer, a 40-foot mobile science and engineering exhibit trailer.



Texas Tech University has supported TAME programs and plans to make the Trailblazer tour an annual event. TTU is currently represented on the TAME Board of Directors by Dean Fontenot and John Chandler, Directors at the T-STEM Center and the Center for Engineering Outreach. The Science Spectrum museum (www.sciencespectrum.org) also contributed to the success of the tour by donating the space and facilities for the Trailblazer during the week-long event.

TTU provided enthusiastic volunteers to assist with the Trailblazer tours and helped introduce the students to the wonders of science and engineering. Volunteers included Beccy Hambright, Patricia Simmons, Shannon Younger, Natalie Richardson and Larry Holloway. TTU student mentors ensured that the kids benefitted from the best possible experience. The student mentors included Tyler Hays, Scott Smith, Samuel Chanjaplammoatil, Samson Hidad, Kayla Sisk, Michael Bird and Cyril Wafo.



The Trailblazer was visited by 4 public schools, 2 home-schooled groups and a high school ROTC program. Here are some testimonies from the students and teachers:

- "...the TAME exhibit was great ..."
- "... we would like to have the Trailblazer visit our school..."
- "... cool tools"

Together, we make a difference because of the continued efforts of our longtime supporters and active partners such as Texas Tech University, ConocoPhillips, Shell Oil Company, Dow Chemical Company, University of Texas at Austin, Halliburton, IBM, and many others who join us in devoting time and energy to our most important natural resource – our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael Nevels".

Michael Nevels
Trailblazer Program Coordinator