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**MAKE IT A SUMMER OF SCIENCE AT
THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE'S DISCOVERY CAMP**

Three full sessions remain for the summer of 2009!

PHILADELPHIA, July 21, 2009 – With several weeks remaining in the 2009 summer season, The Franklin Institute is introducing three new Discovery Camp sessions aimed at providing weeks of fun-filled science exploration. The Franklin Institute's Discovery Camp works to excite children about science by nurturing their spirit of inquiry. It challenges campers to take a closer look at the world and realize that science is a part of everything. New this summer, The Franklin Institute invites campers to learn all about the amazing science in and around the City of Brotherly Love in *Yo! Philly Science*. Two other sessions available this summer are *Bionic Beasts* and *Science Superstars*. Additionally, each camper will get a learning tour of The Franklin Institute's current summer exhibition *Galileo, the Medici and the Age of Astronomy* as part of the Discovery Camp experience.

Yo! Philly Science

July 27 – August 7, 2009

Ever wonder how the Ben Franklin Bridge can support so much weight, or if a cheesesteak is really that bad for you? Curious what makes the Comcast Center the tallest "green" building in the country? See the city in a whole new light and explore the ecosystem all around you in *Yo! Philly Science*.

Bionic Beasts

August 10 – August 21, 2009

What have scientists learned from nature that has improved the life of humans? Why does a bat use echolocation? What animals are robots modeled after? Why is nature sometimes the best teacher? Learn this and more during *Bionic Beasts*.

Science Superstars

August 24-- August 28, 2009

Interested in extracting DNA or experimenting with electricity? So were Watson, Crick, Franklin and Einstein. Meet a few science superstars, and recreate some of the most famous (*and not so famous*) experiments of all time.

Each session includes a Discovery Camp t-shirt and baseball hat, snacks, a camp newsletter, and all activity supplies. For more information on The Franklin Institute's Discovery Camp visit www.fi.edu/discoverycamp.

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About The Franklin Institute

Founded in honor of America's first scientist, Benjamin Franklin, The Franklin Institute is a renowned and innovative leader in the field of science and technology learning, as well as a dynamic center of activity. It is dedicated to creating a passion for science by offering new and exciting access to science and technology in ways that would dazzle and delight its namesake. For more information, please visit www.fi.edu.

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