A view of the universe from SIUE's campus

Recent discoveries about the universe continue to fascinate the public. "Whether it's the details of new planets found in distant solar systems or the continued speculation about the possibility of parallel universes, these findings continue to grab the imagination of adults and kids," said Dr. Aldemaro Romero, College Talk.

New research center offering tours

For the Intelligence

ALTON -- The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center at the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences at SIUE offers free one-hour tours of its new research center May 6.

“Tornado Alley," 5050 Oakland Ave., St. Louis, opens its doors June 11 to kick off the 2021 summer season. "Tornado Alley" is the only exhibit in St. Louis dedicated to the science of tornadoes, featuring more than 100 exhibits, programs, and interactive displays.

The National Great Rivers Research and Education Center is a product of an educational partnership formed in 2001 between Lewis and Clark Community College, the University of Illinois at Alton, and the Illinois Natural History Survey.

People

The landscape is native plants and gravens on the road.

The volunteer-led tours, which take place at 10 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. each tour date, meet at "Tornado Alley" on the SIUE campus. A limited number of spaces are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations are encouraged. Contact Dr. Lauren Scholle at DrLauren.Scholle@siue.edu to sign up.

For details, visit tornadoalley.org.

Buses

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The cost to operate a bus for a year is $7,730, according to the committee, which does not take into account the labor required to maintain the bus. That labor is included in the $9,992 per route that includes 21 stops for 212 riders.

Each regular bus route has a 21-stop route, which takes four teachers per day to the school and back again. That's approximately 1,056 stops per day, which means the district is spending roughly $9,440 per day on buses.

On a recent school bus, bus drivers were able to divert and retain stormwater from the street, creating an environment where children can learn about water conservation and hydro-kinetic systems, internal and external to the school system.

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The site, on Illinois 145 near the confluence of the Mississippi, Illinois, and Missouri rivers, gives local and visiting researchers access to the river plus wet lab facilities to conduct experiments in studying the river system.

The original Great Rivers Research and Education Center at the College of Agriculture, Food, and Environmental Sciences at SIUE will begin Aug. 16.

Today, the committee will recommend cost-reduction strategies. On June 20, the board will make a decision on the six strategies. The strategy that is then recommended will begin Aug. 16.

If a parent's circumstances should change, they will not utilize District 7 bus service. District 7 students who have already registered to ride the bus will not be allowed to ride the bus if they choose to ride with tram service.

The committee will evaluate the six strategies at the May 9 meeting, the next board meeting.

People are encouraged to plan to attend both. Those choosing to attend both will have approximate 15-30 minutes to make their way from the museum to the field station to start the tour.

Call (618) 468-2010 for more information, or go to www.ngrc.org.