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During June the CINDI E/PO was a sponsor of the annual UT Dallas Women in Physics summer physics camp for middle school girls. Three week-long camps were held for a total of 58 seventh through ninth grade girls who attended along with seven high school student helpers who were alumni from previous summer camps. The students performed hands-on physics activities about basic physical concepts including launching air and water-powered rockets.



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We had a special Earth-Sun Day event for the transit of Venus with advanced physics campers, teachers, Uteach Dallas students, faculty, staff, families, and guests. We had telescopes and sunspotters™ set up outside and on-line streaming video from NASA in the classroom. Over 200 students, parents, and adults (and the news media) attended over the several hours-long event and numerous educational materials including Cindi comics were distributed.



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On July 19 the Center for Space Sciences hosted a group of 17 eighth-graders from a summer engineering camp at the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas. These students had built model rockets and used our next-door field as their launching site. Afterwards they visited the Center and toured the labs where they learned about building instruments for spacecraft from our engineers.



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On July 21 the Frontiers of Flight Museum in Dallas hosted Moon Day 2012, a public event highlighting space-related groups and educational programs in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. CINDI sponsored a booth that highlighted space weather and gave out educational materials. About 300 Cindi comic books were distributed over the day. Also Dr. Angeline Burrell played “Cindi” at the booth and interacted with the public and the children who came to the event (including catching “spacedog” puppets with her nets).



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