

Engaging  
curious minds  
to fuel the  
future.

# Discovery Center at Spencer Creek







### Crack the code

Piece together the mummy's sarcophagus!

If you need help, look at this picture



These symbols tell us the pharaoh's name

Use the symbols to crack the code





# Hands-On Environmental Education

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**M**urfreesboro  
*City Schools*



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- Access to
  - Harpeth River
  - Harlinsdale Farm
  - First United Methodist Church
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Why Franklin?

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A large, vibrant crowd of people, including children and adults, is gathered at what appears to be a festival or fair. The scene is filled with colorful balloons in shades of pink, purple, blue, and red. In the foreground, a banner with the text "WaterWall & wheels n' FUN" is visible. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

# Attendance & Impact

- **22,627 students served**
- **2,000 field study scholarships for free and reduced lunch students**
- **91/95 TN Counties visited**
- **43/50 states visited**
- **8,000 cultural event attendees**
- **1,830 active member families, including 300 free**
- **1,664 campers**



# Meetings & Partners

- Franklin First United Methodist Church
- High Hopes
- Waves
- Columbia State Community College
- Williamson County Schools
- Franklin Special School District
- Williamson Inc.
- Franklin Parks
- City of Franklin, Stormwater & Water Management
- Jackson National Life Insurance
- Nissan
- Franklin Synergy
- Lipscomb University
- Battle Ground Academy



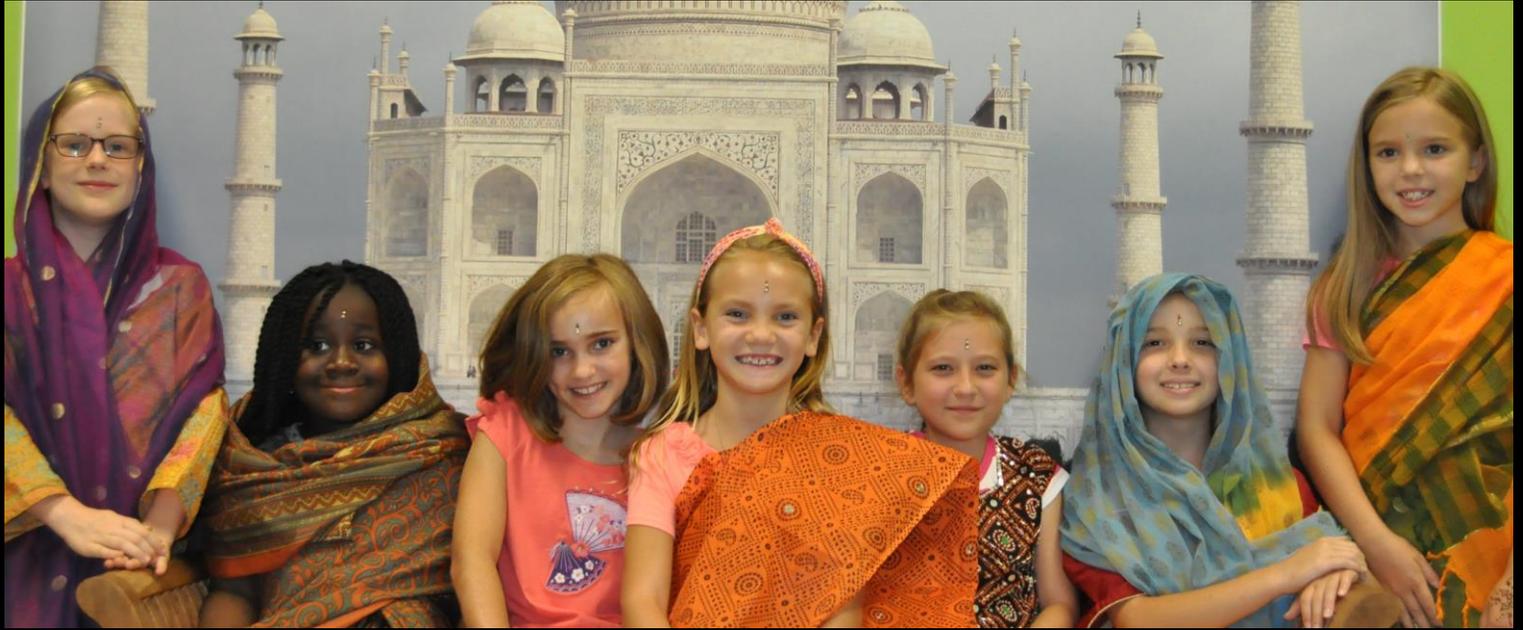
Columbia State  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE



*Excellence in Teaching  
and Learning for All*







# Partners in Education

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PEER COLLABORATION!

**REMEMBER** ANALYZE  
**UNDERSTAND** EVALUATE  
**APPLY** CREATE

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Phases of Earth's Moon



Build·ing (verb)

Com·mu·ni·ty (noun)

BEHOLD YE YOURSELVES  
DO YOUR BEST  
TELL THE TRUTH  
SHOW KINDNESS  
RESPECT OTHERS

Prepositions





Life  
Environmental Science  
CHEMISTRY

Easy like  
SUNDAY  
MORNING

YETI  
COOLERS

PATAGONIA  
VENTURA  
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# Interns & Volunteers

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# Traffic Impact

“Based on my observation, the traffic generated by the Discovery Center is during non-peak hours and as such has minimal impact on the adjacent roadways in Murfreesboro.”

Ram Balachandran, P.E., PTOE  
Assistant Director/City Traffic Engineer  
City of Murfreesboro



**Williamson County Peak Traffic Times**  
**Discovery Center Peak Traffic Times**





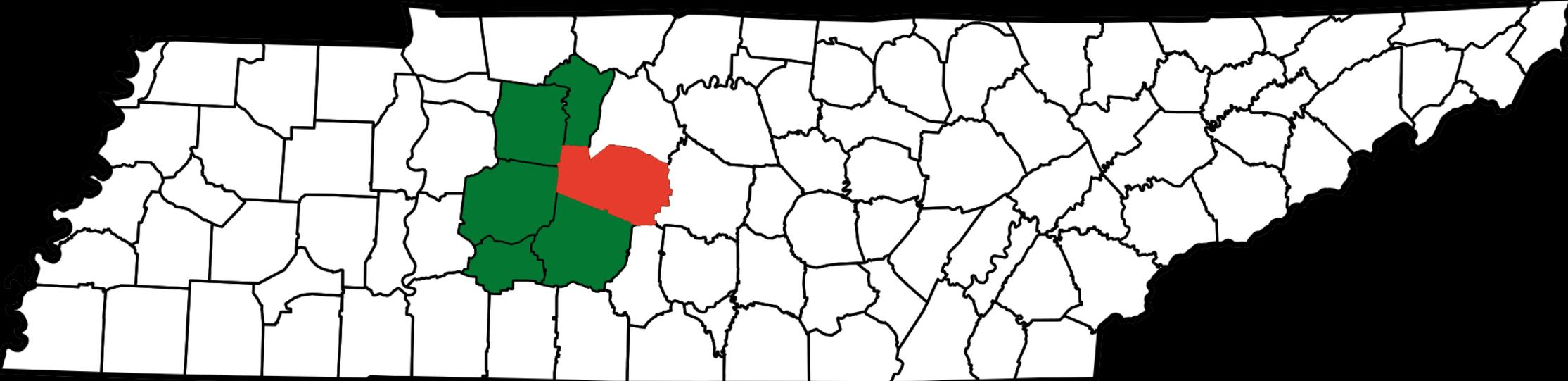


# Economic Impact

- Museums contribute **\$21 billion**
- They return **over five times as much** in local, state, and federal tax revenue
- **76% of all US leisure travelers** visit cultural institutions, including museums



# Access & Outreach to Rural Counties



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The logo features three green gears of different sizes at the top. To the right of the word 'center' is an orange magnifying glass with a green dragonfly-like shape inside its lens. Below the magnifying glass is a green dragonfly.