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NEWS RELEASE

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Arlington, TEXAS – The [Mid-Cities \(TX\) Chapter of The Links, Incorporated](#), in partnership with the University of Texas at Arlington, will host **Materials Camp for Kids 2016**. The all-day camp will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016, 9a.m. to 5p.m. at the [University of Texas](#) campus in Arlington (UTA). Participants will include 35-40 of the chapter's Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) students from the local community including [Arlington Independent School District](#), the [Boys & Girls Clubs of Arlington](#), and [Upward Bound, TRIO Talent Search Program](#).

The day promises to be fun and exciting for the students who will have an opportunity to build air-powered silicone rubber robots, watch the stars at UTA's state-of-the-art planetarium, and view tiny objects with electrons among many other activities. To top it all off, participants will be served refreshments throughout the day, and will receive a t-shirt and certificate of participation. "I could not be more pleased or excited about the collaboration with UTA for our chapter's 5th Annual STEM Summer Camp. They developed the Materials Camp 2016 curriculum and a member of UTA's Materials Science and Engineering department will lead each session. What a great way to jump start the summer for our kids," said Veronica Spencer-Austin, Chapter President.

This culminates our chapter's curriculum for this cohort of STEM students before the next school year. After our three, two-day summits in January, February and April, this final event in June will give the STEM students exposure to materials science and engineering, a great complement to the other sessions. Avarita Williams, Vice President, Programs for the chapter offered, "the Programs Team has worked tirelessly on this collaboration with UTA and we are excited to share all the fun and educational activities we have in store for the STEM students. This event is the soft launch of our **Link-ED² STEM Institute**, targeted for 5th to 8th grade students. Look for more details to come on the official launch of the program, fall 2016."

WHAT: Materials Camp for Kids 2016

WHEN: Saturday, July 20, 2016 | 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.

WHERE: University of Texas at Arlington | UTA Campus, Engineering Department, Arlington, Texas