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Science on the Move Trailer coming to STAR Academy

Pierre, S.D. – The Science on the Move Trailer is making its way to the State Treatment and Rehabilitation (STAR) Academy near Custer May 4-6.

Under the direction of former Governor William Janklow and members of the Math, Science and Technology Council, inmates at Mike Durfee State Prison converted two 53-foot semi-trailer trucks into mobile science labs. Instructors at Mitchell Technical Institute installed the computers and electronics for the mobile labs.

The primary purpose of the mobile science labs is to provide SD students with an opportunity to perform science lab activities with advanced equipment, technology, and methods that are usually not available in schools. The goal is to excite students and teachers about science and to encourage students to consider science as a possible career choice.

The mobile labs have at least eleven lab stations with computers at each station. Students can perform a wide variety of lab activities in biology, chemistry, physics, and earth science at the high school level. In addition, numerous lab activities are available for students in grades 5 through 8.

Science On The Move is administered by the South Dakota Center for the Advancement of Math and Science Education (CAMSE). For more information, see their website at www.camse.org/scienceonthemove/.