



History & Purpose of the Program:

The Technical Forum is an annual program that was initiated by NSBE Augusta Chapter in 1995 to introduce middle and high school students to the field of engineering, engineering principles, and its many disciplines.

The Technical Forum, often referred to as Tech Forum, also stresses the importance of computer literacy. The Forum includes a series of “hands on” workshops, seminars, and interactive exhibits that are designed to familiarize students with basic engineering concepts and computer operations.

For 15 years, Tech Forum was held at the National Science Center, Fort Discovery. Fort Discovery was located on the scenic Riverwalk in downtown Augusta, GA. This 128,000 square-foot facility housed family-oriented math and science centers which stimulated the imaginations of children and adults by making math, science and technology come alive. There were over 250 hands-on exhibits, custom digital theater programs, portable planetarium, educational workshops and demonstrations as well as being the home-base for an array of national educational outreach programs. Unfortunately, due to current economic decline, the Science Center closed its doors and is no longer available.

Last year, the event was held at the University Of South Carolina, Aiken (USC-Aiken) where over 125 middle school students attended.

This year’s potential workshops explore such topics as Papermaking, Medicine, Video Gaming and Eco-Friendly Technology.

The Forum is FREE to the general public and accommodates approximately 150 participants.