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SCIENCE COMES TO THE STATE CAPITOL NEXT WEEK

SACRAMENTO – Thousands of third to sixth grade students will converge on the State Capitol to experience the fascinating world of science through hands-on exhibits and experiments at the 28th Annual State Scientist Day on Wednesday, May 18 on the West Steps of the State Capitol.

Senator Mike McGuire (D-Healdsburg) will be recognized as an Honorary State Scientist for authoring Senate Concurrent Resolution 99 (SCR 99), which designates May 18, 2016 as State Scientist Day and highlights the important work state scientists do to protect public health, the environment and California's natural resources. Senator McGuire will also take part in a Mad Science show experiment!

During the event, students from dozens of elementary schools will learn how state scientists protect the environment, prepare for and respond to natural disasters, and protect the public from food-borne illness and other diseases.

WHAT:	28th Annual State Scientist Day
WHO:	State Scientists and Thousands of 3rd to 6th Graders
WHEN:	Wednesday, May 18, 2016 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
WHERE:	West Steps of State Capitol

Among the fun and visual activities are:

- Mobile Oil Spill Response Lab – Students will see how scientists treat sick and injured wildlife following disasters like oil spills.
- California Rocks! – Students will get a close-up look at what causes earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis and can jump on board the Make-A-Quake Machine.
- Live Insects – Students get hands on with some creepy crawly creatures!

The event is only open to those schools that register in advance. Registration is now closed.

The California Association of Professional Scientists (CAPS) sponsors State Scientist Day each spring to promote science education and encourage students to explore careers in science.

For a preview of this year's exhibits, please visit www.capsscientists.org.

ABOUT CAPS

CAPS represents nearly 3,000 state employed scientists working in over 30 state departments in 134 scientific classifications. CAPS members protect the public from life threatening diseases, safe guard our wildlife and abundant natural resources, and protect our air and water from toxic waste and pollution.