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MacDill military families to be special guests of MathAlive!

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MathAlive! is on its 2017 national military tour and the first stop is Friday in Tampa, home of MacDill Air Force Base.

The tour will celebrate the service members at MacDill and will run through July 9 at the Glazer Children's Museum, where active-duty military families will receive free admission courtesy of the Ratheon Company. The exhibit is billed as "perfect for tweens" and brings STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) to life as kids experience real math at work in sports, robotics, music, dancing, gaming and more.

MathAlive! features 5,000 square feet of immersive displays and activities designed to inspire children about the practical applications and possibilities of math.

"MathAlive! is a must-see exhibit for kids this summer," said Jennifer Stancil, president and CEO of Glazer Children's Museum.

Stancil said children will love the 3D snowboarding exhibit, a video game design workshop, skateboard design and simulations of NASA robotics, like Robonaut 2.

The goal of the traveling exhibit is to answer the question students everywhere ask: "When am I ever going to use math in real life?"

In addition to the exhibits, many personalities will be on hand to give presentations, including MIT researchers, a film director, video game designers, an artist, engineers and others.

Named one of the top five Children's Museums in America, Glazer Chil-



Photo courtesy of MathAlive!

A video game design station is one of the many activities for youths at MathAlive!, which opens at the Glazer Children's Museum in downtown Tampa. Military families receive free admission.

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