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WKAR Holds Casting Call for New Kids Science Show

Casting Call for ages 8-13 Wednesday afternoon, July 9

(East Lansing, MI) – Do you know a child who loves science? Who loves experimenting? Maybe that child you know could be the next cast member on **Curious Crew**, a new TV series being produced locally by WKAR at Michigan State University.

The local PBS affiliate is holding an open casting call for children ages 8 to 13 for **Curious Crew**, scheduled for production later this summer.

The auditions will be held Wednesday, July 9, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. at WKAR studios on the Michigan State campus. A parent or guardian must accompany any child auditioning. Visit WKAR.org and find "Casting Call for Curious Crew" for full details and a schedule.

In this latest original program from WKAR, series host Rob Stephenson and his "Curious Crew" of kids take a hands-on approach to scientific exploration. Rob Stephenson is a National Teacher of the Year finalist, 2009-2010 Michigan Teacher of the Year, and 2006 winner of the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching. He is currently the principal at Donley Elementary School in East Lansing, Mich.

In the series pilot episode, Rob and crew investigate principles of balance and stability. That episode was recorded at Impression 5 Science Center in Lansing, Mich., and aired on WKAR-HD in December of 2013.

The full pilot episode is available for viewing in the PBS App on iPad, iPhone, Roku, Xbox 360, Apple TV and at video.wkar.org/video/2365138210/

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