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PPPL OPEN HOUSE DRAWS 2,200



Nearly 2,200 employees, their families and friends, and interested members of the community took the opportunity to visit the Laboratory during PPPL's Family and Community Day Open House on Saturday, May 2.

For five hours, adults and children wandered through the Laboratory viewing slide presentations, taking part in live demonstrations, talking with

employees about their research, looking at displays, and touring the TFTR, PLT, PBX-M, and S-1. Many rode the red, double-decker bus which circled C- and D-Sites giving the visitors an overall view of the facility.

"Just right" and "Very interesting" were the comments most often heard by employee participants Sally Connell and

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Glenn Pearson. Bob Soltmann felt that PPPL neighbors were very appreciative of the Laboratory for opening its doors to the community. "I saw one man take the time to find out who Harold Furth was and then seek him out and thank him personally," he said.

Refreshments prepared and served by PPPL volunteers were available in the courtyard. Eileen Rabiger thought "It was great fun to see Harold Furth, Don Grove, Jim Clark, and others cooking the hot dogs." A personal taste test by Marjorie Barnett confirmed that "The hot dogs were nice and juicy, full of salt and calories, and oh so good."

In all, Harold Furth and his group of PPPL chefs cooked over 1,600 hot dogs and distributed 1,800 cans of soda. Over 60 gallons of coffee and juice and 134 dozen doughnuts were also consumed.

Rounding out the day's activities, souvenirs were provided for everyone. Nearly 2,000 red, white, and blue baseball

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We would like to thank everyone who helped make Family and Community Day a big success. An event of this magnitude simply cannot take place without the help and cooperation of everyone -- planners, organizers, and workers. We wanted to help our families, friends, and the community understand a little better what the Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory is all about. We think we accomplished our goal. Thank you.

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caps with "Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory" printed on the front and 800 heliumfilled, silver balloons were given out.

Sally Connell who helped blow up balloons said, "We had lots of fun watching the expressions on the children's faces as we blew up the balloons. Everytime we would blow up a balloon, the kids would get so startled by the noise the tanks made. We had lots of kids standing with their hands over their ears. And, of course, every once in a while one of the balloons would pop and the kids would jump and squeal." She added, "Bill Johnson should really work on his knot-tying skills for next time. He was great at filling the balloons but he couldn't knot the string!"

Many Laboratory employees helped with preparations and volunteered their time as workers during the open house. "Enormous effort coupled with enthusiasm and good cheer from everyone involved -- plant maintenance, janitorial services, the car-

pentry shop, graphic arts, the technicians, security, emergency services, the engineers and research staff members who did posters and acted as guides, the coordinating committee, and the volunteer workers -- made the day a event." special said Jim Clark. "This was an ideal group to work with," added Diane Carroll who coordinated the arrangements. "Everyone was helpful, cooperative, and worked very hard," said co-coordinator Barbara Sarfaty.

Family Day Taped

Video tapes were made during the Family and Community Day Open House hosted by the Laboratory on May 2. They consist of unedited candid sequences of the day's activities.

Two complete showings of the tapes are scheduled for Monday, May 11 at 11:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. in the MBG Auditorium.

Beginning May 14, one-half inch, VHS tapes may be borrowed from the PPPL Photo Lab (2090) for home viewing.









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