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Cal Poly Electrical, Computer and Software Engineering Showcase Set For April 20

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Cal Poly's Computer Engineering, Computer Science, Software Engineering and Electrical Engineering programs will host the Computer and Electrical Open House Showcase from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 20, in Mott Gym.

Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of games and activities presented by 15 student clubs. Many of the activities are geared to a K-12 audience and are designed to spark interest in technical majors and careers in technical fields.

"We want to show how fun computer engineering, computer science, software engineering and electrical engineering can be and show off the talents of our bright Cal Poly students," said Hugh Smith, director of the Computer Engineering program. "Visitors can see live-action robots in two exciting autonomous robotics competitions."

The schedule of events includes:

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – Computer, Electrical and Software Open House Club Showcase

Join computer engineering, electrical engineering, software engineering and computer science students and faculty members in Mott Gym for a department and program showcase. Visitors will see project displays and have an opportunity to take part in hands-on booths such as an animated stuffed animal petting zoo and computer gaming demonstrations. Attendees will also have a chance to build their own robot toy to take home.

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. – ViaSat Scribber Showdown

Cal Poly students will test their programming skills at this year's ViaSat Scribbler Showdown. See which scribbler robot can draw, push cans and negotiate the maze the fastest.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m. – Roborodentia

Roborodentia is an annual robotics competition at Cal Poly, held during Open House in April. Last year's competition drew more than 1,000 spectators and about a dozen robot entries and teams. This year's competition is a head-to-head, double elimination tournament in which the object is to stack small cans the fastest.

For details on these events, visit the Computer and Electrical Open House Showcase website at http://cpe.calpoly.edu/showcase/.

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