OVERVIEW
Learn how physics is at the core of bringing Magic Kingdom Park attractions to life. During this adventure, student teams will act as Disney attraction engineers as they learn about and test Newton’s First Law of Motion, centripetal force, hydraulics and pneumatics.

LEARNING OUTCOMES
• Define Newton’s First Law of Motion
• Develop a problem-solving technique for everyday situations
• Define potential and kinetic energy
• Discover the uses of hydraulics and pneumatics
• Define centripetal force
• Explore the effects of centripetal force on a moving vehicle
• Discover the effects of vertical and lateral acceleration on a moving vehicle

Science in Motion
• Onboard the Walt Disney World Resort Monorail Transportation System, students are introduced to Newton’s First Law of Motion
• Students gain knowledge of OHERC, an acronym for one version of the Scientific Method

Physics at Work
Select Magic Kingdom Park attractions set the stage for student’s discovery of the role of physics in generating thrills and chills.
• Students examine how speed, velocity, and acceleration influence roller coaster design elements
• Through the use of model roller coaster elements, students uncover the interplay of potential and kinetic energy in attraction design
• Students see the conclusions gained in the model activity at work within a Magic Kingdom Park attraction
• Students discover the geometric process of indirect measurement
• Using a simple formula, students calculate centripetal force
• Students will observe and experience airtime, positive g-force, and lateral g-force on a Disney thrill attraction

Hydraulics and Pneumatics
• Students identify hydraulics and pneumatics in audio-animatronics technology

GROUP LEADER RESOURCES
A video overview of Properties of Motion Physics Lab is available on the Disney Youth Programs YouTube Channel.

National Standards and supplemental educational materials aligned with this program are available at DisneyYES.com.