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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Editor's Note:**

Great photo opportunities. Medical experts will be available for interviews on February 23.

### **KIDS AND ADULTS DIG DEEP INTO MEDICAL MYSTERIES**

*Discovery Center of Idaho Promotes Fun Hands-on Science Exploration and Education*

**Boise, ID (February 21, 2006)** – The Discovery Center of Idaho's *Under Your Skin* exhibit, which opened earlier this month, provides hands-on learning fun that engages young minds while attracting interest in the sciences, especially the medical and bioengineering fields.

On February 23, approximately 300 West Junior High School students and 40 Snake River High School students will converge on the center to explore what's under their skin. The exhibit gives visitors the opportunity to learn about some of the medical mysteries that take place in each and every one of us.

Students will have the chance to...

- Try their hand at laparoscopic surgery to see what kind of surgeon they would make.
- Role play the part of a medical professional while examining Rapid Prototyping models of skeletal deformities such as scoliosis and conjoined twins. This process allows the medical professional to examine the deformity prior to surgery in order to understand what specifically can and should be done during the procedure.
- Examine human anatomy, while peeling through layers of skin, tissue, and muscle to see the precise location of the patient's broken joint.

Representatives of the media are invited to join medical experts and Discovery Center staff on Thursday, February 23, between 10-11 am and 1-3 pm. Media reps will have the opportunity to work their way through exhibits to uncover their own medical mysteries.

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