

US Department of Education/NASA STEM Design Challenges State Webinar

Pre- Webinar 1
October 2020



During this pre-webinar, we will:

- provide a high-level overview of the program,
- explain operational support to be provided during implementation to sites and facilitators, and
- finalize virtual training dates/supply distribution

Today's Agenda

Roll Call: SEAs Introductions (5 minutes)

SEAs share out

NASA Welcome and Program Overview (10 minutes)

Maria Arredondo, NASA Project Manager

NASA & US Department of Education Support Team Introductions (5 minutes)

- Dr. Diane McElwain, (NASA) Peerless Technologies
- Chelsea Heffernan, (ED-Y4Y) Synergy Enterprises, Inc.

Implementation Support Overview (20 minutes)

Dr. Diane McElwain & Maggie Melone, Peerless Technologies

Dashboard & Help Desk (5 minutes)

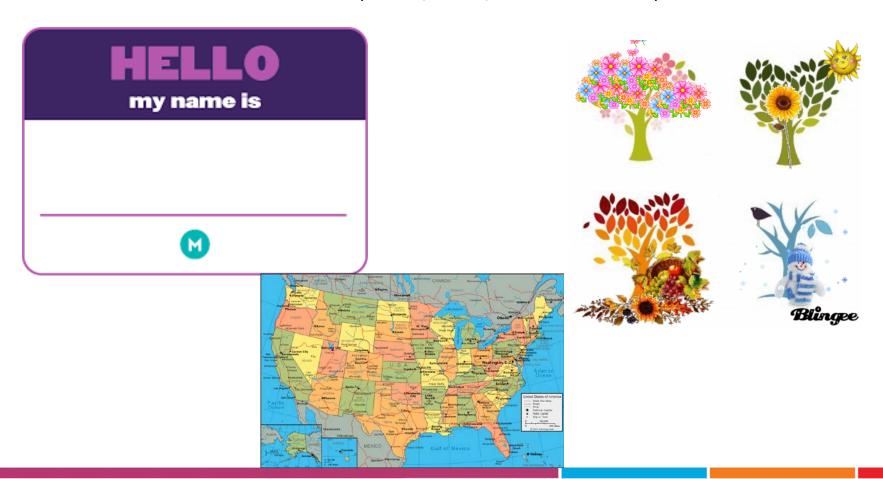
Chelsea Heffernan, Synergy Enterprises, Inc.

Next Steps & Questions (15 minutes)



SEAs Introductions (5 minutes)

SEAs share out (name, state, favorite season)





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STEM Design Challenge Background



What	A partnership between NASA and the US Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Centers
Who	Sites execute a series of engineering design challenges in $3^{rd} - 8^{th}$ grades, enabling them to develop solutions to real world science and engineering problems faced by NASA scientists, engineers and astronauts today
Where	The collaboration will support an expansion of STEM opportunities for students across the country in 18 states
When	<u>2020-2021</u> School Year







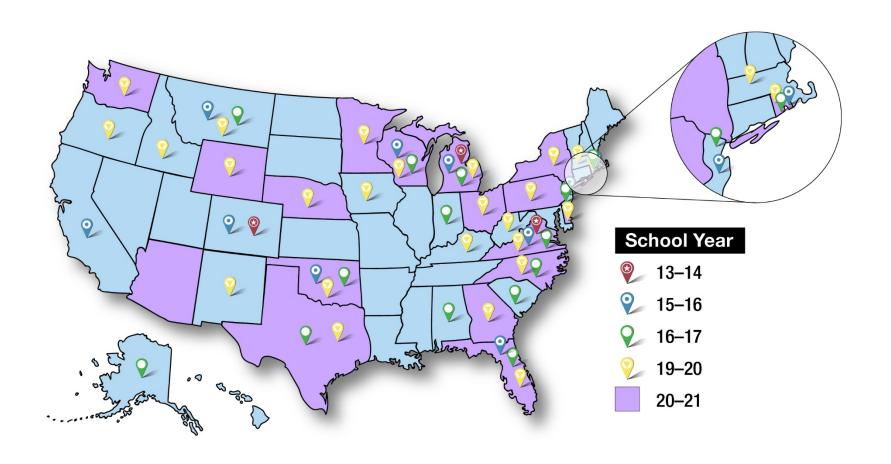
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Phase IV SY 2020-2021 Participating States					
1	Arizona*	10	Oklahoma		
2	Delaware*	11	Ohio		
3	Florida	12	Pennsylvania		
4	Georgia*	13	Rhode Island		
5	Michigan	14	Texas		
6	Minnesota	15	Virginia		
7	Nebraska	16	Washington		
8	New York	17	Wisconsin		
9	North Carolina	18	Wyoming		

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STEM Design Challenge Collaboration for 21st Century Community Learning Centers • PHASE IV 2020–2021 IMPLEMENTATION

STEM DESIGN CHALLENGE BACKGROUND

The STEM Design Challenge is a partnership between NASA and the U.S. Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Centers. Various sites will execute a series of engineering design challenges for 3rd to 8th grades, enabling students to develop solutions to real-world science and engineering problems faced by NASA scientists, engineers, and astronauts today. The collaboration will support an expansion of STEM opportunities for students across the country in up to 25 states throughout 21st Century Community Learning Centers and will take place during the 2020–2021 school year.

ACTIVITY	TIMEFRAME	DATE—My project date
State Application Released	Aug. 5, 2020	
State Informational Briefing	Aug. 12, 2020	
State Application Due to U.S. Department of Education	Aug. 24, 2020	
States Selected and Site Application Provided to States	Sept. 1, 2020	
Site Application Due by State	Sept. 30, 2020	
State Coordination Calls With NASA	Oct. 2020	
Pretraining Webinar and Evaluation Overview With States and Sites	Oct. 2020 to Feb. 2021	
Professional Development Workshops	Flexible (Oct. 2020 to March 2021)	
Attend Monthly Calls and Post Weblnars	Nov. 2020 to April 2021	
Virtual Connections With NASA Experts and Students	Flexible (Nov. 2020 to April 2021)	
Student Submissions Presentations at State Culminating Event	April to June 2021	

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- This project is voluntary. Additional funding is not provided for this project, but if support is needed, sites have collaborated with local universities, afterschool networks, and community organizations in the past.
- You must create a You for Youth (Y4Y) account to participate in the design challenges.
- There is an evaluation portion of this project. Information on the evaluation will be provided once states and sites are selected.
- Technology will be used in this project. To ensure the best experience, use a wired Ethernet connection or strong WiFi; laptop/ desktop with a built-in or external microphone and webcam; and a projector or large monitor to provide students better viewing (optional).
- Challenge options: https://y4y.ed.gov/stemchallenge/nasa

STATE RESPONSIBILITIES CHECKLIST SITE RESPONSIBILITIES CHECKLIST Submit up to 10 sites from your state to participate in Complete the site application. Participate in pre-webinar activities not to exceed 2 hours. the NASA project. Participate in 2-day virtual professional development training. Develop project timeline and inform participating grantees/ Complete Site Profile Forms Determine a Culminating Event opportunity and date. (site details and technology information). Participate in associated training and preparation Participate in at least one virtual connection with NASA webinars. Coordinate the training opportunity for your sites scientists and engineers for students. in collaboration with NASA. Complete the challenge activity and submit a minimum of one You or a designated individual ensure all sites are student team final product presentation. completing project work by the time of the state's project Attend monthly calls and post weblnars for facilitators. Alert NASA/Y4Y of any changes in personnel throughout Provide update on sites' implementation start/end dates. project implementation. Alert Y4Y/NASA when/if a site's primary contact Submit Student Intellectual Property Release Form should change. (l.e., video/image release). Follow up with grantees on program activities per Evaluation Y4Y NASA updates.

 All sites complete facilitator surveys and submit attendance.
 Selected Sample Sites complete student survey, facilitate parent passive consent notice, administer parent/guardian survey, and participate in administrative check-ins.

Project Dates for 20-21 STEM Design Challenges



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Culminating Event	

20-21 Implementation Training and Support Plan



Challenge Close-Out Development **Implementation Professional Development Training** (virtual unless **Educator Support** otherwise requested) Virtual Professional Learning Communities (ES and MS) Challenge Guides (Lesson Plan, Checklist, Introductory Video, Student Journal, Rubric) State and Site Planning and Help Desk Support **Virtual Scientist & Engineer Student Experiences Connections State-Based Culmination** Students Teams present their Final Product and NASA provides feedback

Engineering Design Challenge Menu



 $6^{\text{th}} - 8^{\text{th}}$ Grade Options

Parachuting onto Mars

Develop a drag device to slow a spacecraft for entry, descent, and landing.



Spacecraft Safety

Help design NASA's next generation spacecraft!



Why Pressure Suits?

Develop a containment system to protect astronauts from the vacuum of space.



Packing up for the Moon

Develop a plant growth system to help sustain astronauts on a lunar surface.



Let it Glide

Build a shoebox glider to produce the greatest glide slope.

3'u – 5''' Grade Options



Safe Travels

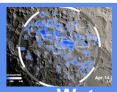
Develop safety devices for astronauts traveling to the Moon or Mars.



Mission to Mars

Develop a device to slow down spacecraft landing on Mars.

NEW 6th – 8th Grade Options



Lunar Water

Develop a filter to purify water to be used in a future Lunar Habitat.



Astro Socks

Develop protective footwear for the ISS astronauts to wear as they live and work in microgravity.

Support Virtual and Blended Implementation



Virtual EDC Implementation Goal	 To ensure that all sites are positioned to effectively deliver content to students through virtual or blended approaches using products and resources provided by NASA
Approach	 Customize project framework based upon local needs (ie. PD, Virtual Connections, Follow-up Support, Student Submission, Culminating Event) Use pre-training webinars and site profiles to better understand technology access and planned implementation Enhanced training and support for use of technology with students (polls, hashtags, chat)
Support	 Build Virtual 2-Day Professional development sessions around customized framework and local context. Trainers will add a Professional Learning Community (check-ins, deliver customized support, allow collaboration among sites)

Reduce Administrative Burden



Changes to 20-21 School Year Program	
Create a dashboard for states and sites	 Allow real time status checks of progress Strengthen communication around milestones
Modify Video Submission Requirement for Challenges	 Offer flexible final products for students (PPT Submission, Live Presentation, Video Submission
Clarify Project Requirements for States and Sites	 Created new summary sheets to include in application
Streamline Evaluation	Reduce Number of InstrumentsModify attendance reporting
Enhancements to State and Site Application	 Working with group of states to review and modify questions

SEA Check-ins



State Leaders will be contacted on the following Dates

Event	Timeframe
SEA Webinars	October
2-Day Virtual PD	November - February
Evaluation Call w/Sample sites	November - February
Culminating Event Discussion	January - March

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NASA & US Department of Education Support Team Introductions

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Implementation

NASA/Peerless Technologies

Diane McElwain, Ph.D.- Curriculum/Training Lead
Corey Gordon- Training Specialist
Laura Chachko- Training Specialist
Maggie Melone-Echiburu- Implementation Lead
Harold Cunningham- Technology Lead
Emilia Durand-Training Coordinator
Lindsay Thornton, Education Programs Specialist

Y4Y/Synergy

Chelsea Heffernan - Project Manager
Sarah Whitehead - Implementation Coordinator
David Mazza - Technology Specialist

Evaluation

NASA/Peerless Technologies

Vanessa Mullins, Ed.D. – Evaluation Lead

Program Management

NASA/Peerless Technologies

Jomill Wiley, Ed.D. – **Program Manager**



How will sites be supported during program implementation?



Implementation support will be provided to all sites in the form of:

Pre-webinars for Site leads and Facilitators (held prior to Virtual Training)

- Overview of how to prepare for training
- Assignment of Unique Identifier Number (UIN) for tracking and data capture for facilitators
- Distribution of survey link for Pre-Training Survey

HOW WILL PARTICIPANTS SIGN UP FOR PRE-WEBINARS?

- Site leads will receive an email at least 14 day prior to training asking for confirmation of attendees
- Attendees with receive the pre-webinar date options for their state and register with the included link

Virtual 2-day Professional Development

- Sites will participate in a 2-day Virtual PD designed for their state
- Facilitators and other approved participants will be registered for the event and receive WebEx Information several days in advance of the event
- Materials and Supply kits will be provided via shipment to sites 14 days prior to training (we will provide dates for shipment to each SEA and site)

Monthly Calls

The schedule will be provided during training based on when you will be trained

• Facilitation/Hosting (Virtual Connections for students)

- During training, a significant amount of time is spent discussing how Virtual Connections work for students.
- The calendar of available dates will be provided posted on the Y4Y site.
- Facilitators will register for events, which will be explain at training

• Help Desk support

• Facilitators will be able to communicate with the team to get support during the implementation of the program. The help desk will be introduced during the pre-webinar and at the Virtual PD training.



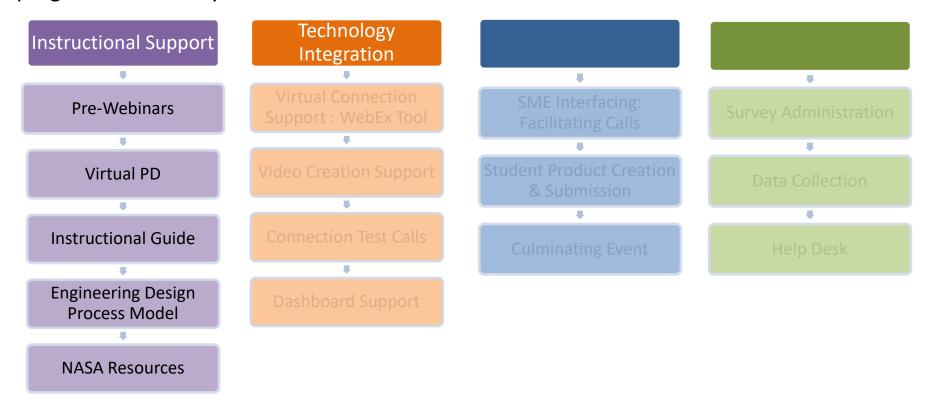
Using the Professional Learning Communities (PLC) as the framework, facilitators will have opportunities to learn, share and collaborate with colleagues- and receive targeted support.

- The PLC infrastructure will be used to group facilitators as needed to ensure flexibility in scheduling and customized support
 - Focusing the support around areas of need
- Examples include- training multiple states together when numbers indicate this if effective
- Offering monthly calls for sites based on specific needs such as elementary support or challenge support or new/returning site support
- Using breakout rooms during training opportunities to employ flexible grouping of facilitators to talk through instructional strategies, experiences and to foster collaborative conversations



The cadence of support will be focused around these four areas.

All support will be designed to ensure that site leads and facilitators are able to implement the program with fidelity.





Instructional Support: Virtual Professional Development

Six workshop goals:

- Complete and explore two NASA engineering design challenges
- Discuss the future of NASA missions to the Moon and Mars
- Experience a variety of instructional techniques and resources
- Explain all aspects of the NASA engineering design challenges
- Connect to instructional resources and program supports
- Explore the evaluation plan and the Dimensions of Success (DoS) tool

Covid-19 Flexibility



Scientist and Engineering Connections	The facilitator will be provided with the WebEx link for the NASA connection -recorded versions of the Virtual connections for students will be made available for later review
Student Collaboration	During the training, use of virtual platforms, breakout rooms, and collaborative communication opportunities will be modeled as instructional delivery strategies
Materials and supplies	Teacher kits and guidebooks will be mailed to the sites for facilitators to build models during the 2-day PD
Final Team Presentation	Presentations will be uploaded onto the online platform using video aps and collaborative software.
Options for a final team presentation	Video, Google slides, iMovie, presentations



Instructional Support: Materials and Supplies

Shipment

Individualized teacher kits will be mailed to each site inside a larger box that will also contain guidebooks and the PD folder for each participant

Guides

Sites will be receiving a hard copy of three guides

Supplies

Walkthrough of additional supplies that can also be used during the challenges



Technology Integration

Tools (Virtual)

Discussion of the software/hardware tools that will be used to support the 21st CCLC program virtually (WebEx, Webcam/Mic, Office 365, etc.)

Final Product Creation Support

Assist students and teachers with the process of creating their Engineering Design Challenge Presentation

Connection Setup

Walkthrough of how to connect to Monthly Calls, Virtual Connections with NASA scientists and engineers, and Culminating Events throughout the 21st CCLC Program

Portal Support

Explanation of the Y4Y Website, how to navigate the site, and where to find the tools provided to complete the 21st CCLC Program



Student Support

NASA Scientists and Engineers Interface

- Virtual connection opportunities with the NASA scientists and engineers
- Protocol and requirements for participating in the virtual connections

Event Scheduling

- Registration process to student and teacher participation in a virtual connections
- Protocols and requirements for scheduling virtual connections events

Final Product Submission

- Submission requirements and rubric for the student presentations
- Types of submissions accepted



Pre-Webinar & Tentative Training Dates

State	Time Zone	Pre-Webinar #1:	Pre-Webinar #2	Training Session Number	Training Date (2020-2021)	Materials & Supplies Shipping Date
Minnesota	Central	October 7, 2020	November 2	1	November 9-10	October 23
Oklahoma	Central	October 7, 2020	November 2	1	November 9-10	October 23
Arizona	Mountain	October 8, 2020	November 3	2	November 12-13	October 23
Washington	Pacific	October 8, 2020	November 4	3	November 16-17	October 23
Wyoming	Mountain	October 8, 2020	November 4	3	November 16-17	October 23
Pennsylvania	Eastern	October 5, 2020	November 5	4	November 19-20	October 23
New York	Eastern	October 6, 2020	November 5	4	November 19-20	October 23



Pre-Webinar & Tentative Training Dates

December	Time Zone	Pre-Webinar #1	Pre-Webinar #2	Training Session Number	Training Date (2020-2021)	Shipping Date
Michigan	Eastern	October 6, 2020	December 1	5	December 7-8	November 23
Delaware	Eastern	October 5, 2020	December 2	6	December 10-11	November 23
Ohio	Eastern	October 5, 2020	December 2	6	December 10-11	November 23
Georgia	Eastern	October 5, 2020	December 3	7	December 14-15	November 23
Rhode Island	Eastern	October 6, 2020	December 3	7	December 14-15	November 23
Wisconsin	Central	October 7, 2020	December 4	8	December 17-18	November 23



Pre-Webinar & Tentative Training Dates

January	Time Zone	Pre-Webinar #1	Pre-Webinar #2	Training Session Number	Training Date (2020-2021)	Shipping Date
North Carolina	Eastern	October 6, 2020	January 11, 2021	9	January 21-22	December 22, 2020
Florida	Eastern	October 5, 2020	January 11, 2021	9	January 21-22	December 22, 2020
Nebraska	Eastern	October 7, 2020	January 12, 2021	10	January 25-26	December 22, 2020
Texas	Eastern	October 7, 2020	January 12, 2021	10	January 25-26	December 22, 2020
Virginia	Eastern	October 6, 2020	January 13, 2021	11	January 28-9	December 22, 2020
Michigan	Eastern	October 6, 2020	January 13, 2021	11	January 28-29	December 22, 2020



Astro Socks schedule will include 10 sites selected to participate in the Astro Socks pilot.

Date	Event
December 1, 2020	Announce Astro Socks sites
February 1, 2021	Shipping Equipment
February 8, 2021	Pre-Webinar: Facilitators
February 16-17, 2021	Professional Development
State Schedule Event	Culminating Event

New Dashboard & Help Desk



How will sites and states:

- inquire when support is needed?
- record and track progress?

New Dashboard & Help Desk



Communication will take place through the:

NASA STEM Challenges Help Desk

The Help Desk is now open for facilitators to locate project information, find answers to frequently asked questions, and contact the STEM Design Challenge team:

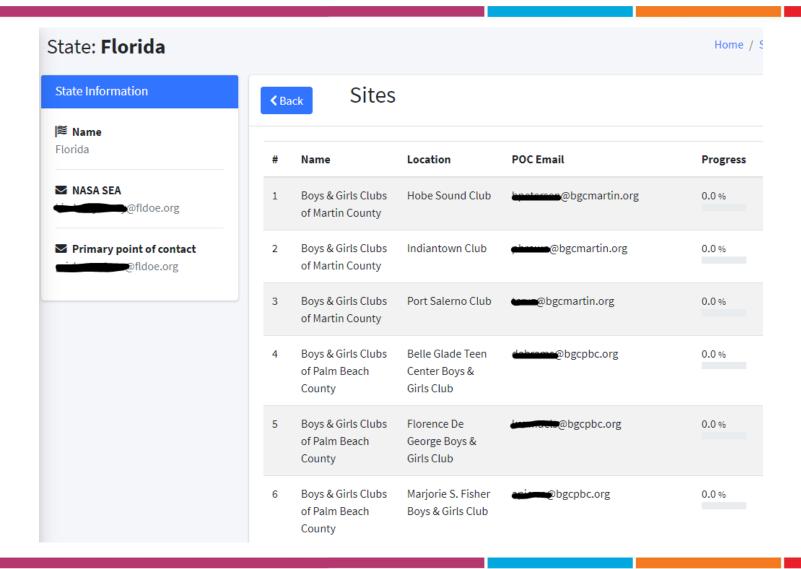
https://y4y.ed.gov/stemchallenge/nasa/nasa-stem-challenge-helpdesk

Responses to Help Desk inquiries will be within 48 hour of the receipt of the request.

Immediate Requests: (782) 666-4932

Dashboard

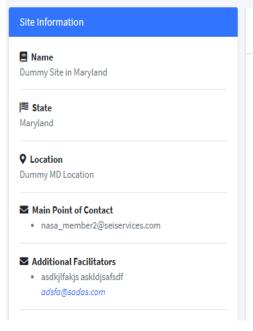


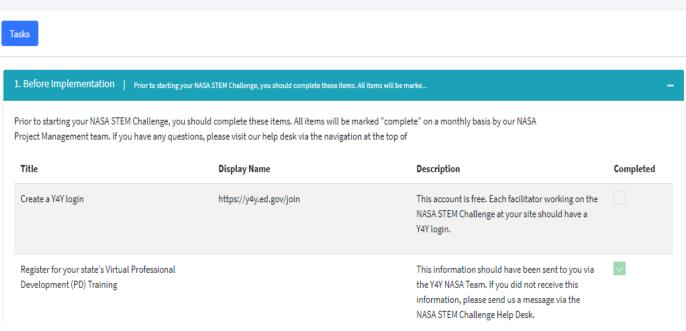


Dashboard



Site: Dummy Site in Maryland





Dashboard



Before Implementation

- Create a You for Youth (Y4Y) login (each facilitator should have an account, which is free)
- Register for Virtual Professional Development (PD) Training
- Complete Site Profile Form (to be finalized one week after Virtual PD Training)
- Obtain proper equipment for virtual connections and final product creation and submission
- Participate in pre-webinar activities (not to exceed 2 hours)
- Evaluation: Facilitator Survey prior to Virtual PD Training
- Participate in 2-day Virtual PD Training
- Evaluation: Facilitator Survey after Virtual PD Training

During Implementation

- Participate in at least one (1) virtual scientist and engineer connections
- Attend monthly planning calls
- Submit Student and Educator Intellectual Property Release Forms (i.e., video/image release).
- Complete challenge activity

After Implementation

- Submit a minimum of one (1) student team final product
- Evaluation: Post Implementation Facilitator Survey

Questions and Answers

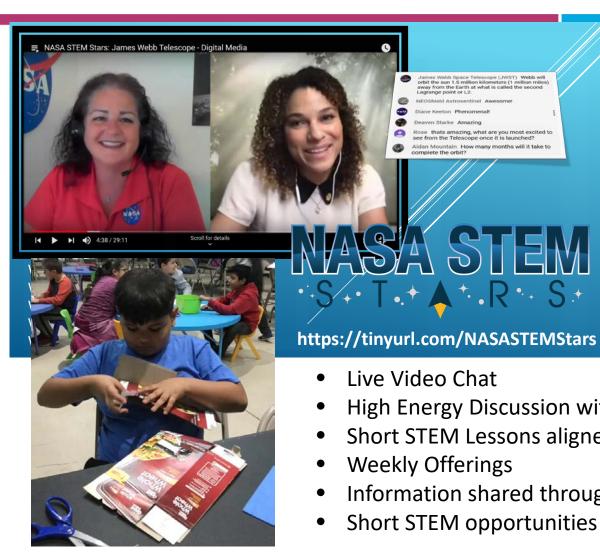


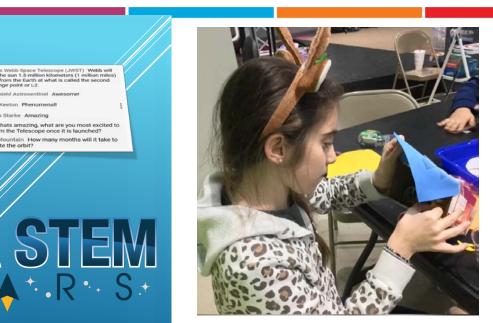
- State Support Provided
- Confirm your state's training dates
- Dashboard Feedback



Alternate Engagement Models







- Live Video Chat
- High Energy Discussion with STEM Role Models
- Short STEM Lessons aligned to each video chat
- Weekly Offerings
- Information shared through the Y4Y E-blast
- Short STEM opportunities listed on the Y4Y website

In-flight Education Downlinks



- A live, 20-minute question-and-answer session between students and astronauts aboard the International Space Station.
- Available to K-12, Higher Ed, and Informal educational organizations in the United States.
- NASA is accepting proposals for downlinks occurring during Expedition 65 (April to October 2021).
- Proposals are due December 1, 2020.

What would your students ask an astronaut?



Email JSC-downlinks@mail.nasa.gov for the proposal form and guidelines.

THANK YOU!



