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Register for the largest Out-of-School Time Conference

Registration is open for
the **2014 Arizona Statewide
Out-of-School Time
Conference & Awards of
Excellence Luncheon.**

When: November 15th
Time: 8:00 am to 3:30 pm
Where: Phoenix Convention
Center

Visit our website
at www.azafterschool.org to
register or reserve your spots

The @fterschool advisor

August 1, 2014

Dear Melanie,

Lights On Afterschool, a national celebration focusing on the importance of quality out-of-school time programs, is planned for **Thursday, October 23**. It's not too early to register your program and be involved with the festivities.

"**Rockets to the Rescue**", the theme of this year's Lights On Afterschool is a collaboration with 4-H and the annual 4-H National Youth Science Day Experiment developed by the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service.



Rockets to the Rescue is a hands-on experiment where youth are asked to respond to a fictional scenario. A natural disaster has left people without food on a remote, isolated Pacific island. The youth are asked to build a rocket that can be launched from the mainland, travel over the ocean and deliver high-energy food to the population. The experiment combines two key issues - science and food security - and incorporates aerospace engineering concepts to help youth design a rocket out of everyday materials including recyclable two-liter bottles, cotton balls, pipe cleaners, rubber band and a protractor.

Youth will learn engineering concepts, develop math skills, learn about nutrition and help solve a relevant, global issue in order to complete the mission. Using a Science Kit, the device will be tasked to deliver a payload of food to disaster victims, such as those affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

Incorporation of Rockets to the Rescue in your program meets the requirements of **Standard III. Intentional Programming and Activities of the Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs**. Arizona programs have multiple options for

today!



4-H Healthy Living Program Recruiting Teachers

Arizona 4-H has received funding from United Healthcare and the Walmart Foundation to train 300 under served youth, ages 12-18 to become 4-H Healthy Ambassadors.



Participating students will learn fun, hands-on nutrition lessons, simple and healthy food preparation and gain valuable leadership skills.

If you are interested in joining the program, [read the complete details here.](#)

America After 3 PM

This fall, *America After 3 PM* will be released and include data on how youth spend their time outside of school.

The data, collected from nearly 14,000 households, finds

getting involved.

1. Register to participate in **Lights On Afterschool** on October 23, [here](#).
2. Register to participate in the **National Youth Science Day** on October 8, [here](#).
3. Order a **Rockets to the Rescue kit** [here](#). Kits are designed to be used for 10 students.

Show Arizona's commitment to quality out-of-school time programs. Regardless of what date and event you register for, AzCASE encourages you to open the event to parents, schools and community leaders. This is a perfect hands-on, project based learning activity to spotlight the value of quality out-of-school time programs. Hosting a Lights On Afterschool family event meets the requirements of **Standard V. Family, School and Community of the Arizona Quality Standards for Out-of-School Time Programs.**

For more information, visit www.azafterschool.org or e-mail AzCASE at info@azafterschool.org.

Present a Workshop at the 2014 Conference - Deadline Extended!

Submit your workshop proposal today for *School's Out, Make it Count!* 2014 Arizona Statewide Out-of-School Time Conference & Awards of Excellence Luncheon.

Over 600 out-of-school time professionals representing school based, community based, and faith based programs are expected to attend.

Share your experience and expertise in:

- Program Leadership
- Program Quality
- Youth Development
- Health and Fitness
- Arts, Literacy & Humanities
- STEM

[Click here](#) for more information and to download the Workshop Presenter Packet. **Extended deadline is Monday, August 4th.**

overwhelming support among parents for public funding of summer learning programs.

The report finds that 8.4 million youth participate in an afterschool program. This is nearly 3 million kids more than in the past five years. Although this is encouraging, there are still 15.1 million children left alone after school.

[Click here to view a sneak peek of the report](#)

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Volunteers Needed at Community "Back to School" Event



On Saturday, August 16, 2014, Expect More Arizona, the Helios Education Foundation and Univision Arizona will host the *Camino al Exito* (Back to School) Education Fair.

Over 7,000 people went to Central High School last year to get connected with the resources they needed to help their students succeed.

Participants heard from a motivational speaker specializing in parent engagement and attended classes on topics like "The Path to College" and "Finding Scholarships". Attendees also collected valuable information from many community organizations at the resource fair.

In order for the Education Fair to be successful, Expect More Arizona is recruiting the valuable help of volunteers. Volunteer duties include:

- Set up and tear down
- Greeting guests at the registration table
- Ensuring resource fair organizations have what they need throughout the day
- Directing traffic flow throughout the event to the workshops, resource fair, keynote speaker, etc.

Volunteers who are helping with set up and tear down of the event will be needed:

- 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. the day before the event
- 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. the day of the event

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2014

Location: Central High School, Small Gymnasium (4525 North Central Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85012)

If you are interested in volunteering for this year's *Camino al Exito* Education fair, please register here

<http://bit.ly/educationfairvolunteers>.

Thank you for your support of AzCASE happenings and all you do for Arizona's youth!

Sincerely,

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