



Arizona Center for **Afterschool** Excellence "School's Out, Make it Count!"

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Cooking and Baking in OST Programs

Cooking activities in afterschool programs help foster strong families, strengthen school and job assets, and teach life skills that will save you resources at home and beyond.

Please join us for this informative and FREE webinar!

Cooking and Baking with Friends in Out-of-School

The @fterschool advisor

November 5, 2014

See You at the Conference!

We look forward to seeing everyone at the **2014 Arizona Statewide Out-of-School Time Conference: School's Out, Make It Count: Engaging Youth in Life & Learning** Saturday, November 15th at the Phoenix Convention Center!

The approximately 700 registered have much to look forward to including:

- a **Keynote Speech from Jaime Casap, Global Education Evangelist for Google Inc.,**
- a **record number 47 exhibitors, and**
- **the strongest, most diverse line-up of workshops AzCASE has ever assembled**

There is so much to choose from, it's going to be hard for you to decide between. :

- **7 STEM Workshops**
- **7 Program Leadership Workshops**
- **8 Social & Emotional Development Workshops**
- **4 Literacy Workshops**

and more!

Programs:
Thursday, November 6, at
10 am PST
Brought to you by the
Home Baking Association
and the National
AfterSchool Association.

During this educational
hour-long webinar you will
learn...

- * Why cooking and baking skills matter.
- * How to teach food skills without the use of a kitchen facility.
- * Why cooking builds active food lifestyles and reduces risk of obesity.
- * Baking's STEM + Art connections and resources.
- * And more!

Space is limited.
Register today!

College Camp

College Camp is a free, bilingual, half-day, college preparation workshop for middle school students, high school students, and their parents.

The workshops offer breakout sessions that cover information on taking the SAT/ACT, financial aid, writing a personal statement, and finding the right college, in addition to the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.

Find out more about the Conference, including the full line-up of 36 workshops, at azafterschool.org/conference.

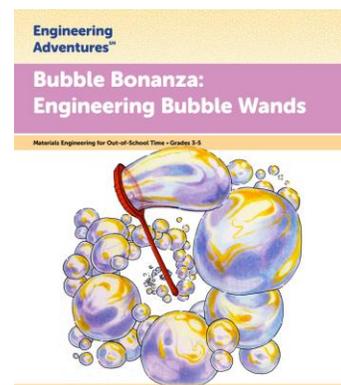
Don't forget to use #makeitcountAZ when posting about this year's conference on Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook!

Bubbles Bonanza; a STEM Curriculum for Out-of-School Time Programs

AzCASE is excited to share a new STEM curriculum specifically designed for the out-of-school setting: **Bubble Bonanza!** The units in this program allow youth in grades 3rd - 5th to engineer their own bubble wands and explore science through the fun of bubble blowing. This program is designed to help youth develop 21st century skills by enriching creative thinking, exploration, and problem solving abilities.

Bubble Bonanza was developed by the Engineering is Elementary team and is available for use in two formats: free instructor guides and material kits for purchase use with 24 participants. The instructor guides include preview pages with materials and preparation information, an adventure guide with step-by-step instructions for the facilitator, and one engineering journal for kids.

Visit www.EiE.org at **Engineering Adventures and Engineering Everywhere** to download **Bubble Bonanza** and to search for other useful out-of-school time curricula available.



Participants also have the opportunity to interact with various successful professionals, e.g., local business leaders, sponsors, HSF Scholars and Alumni, educators, & others.

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Expect More Arizona Excellence Tour

An early literacy program in the Tempe Elementary School District and a hospital-based school are the latest examples of excellence in Arizona education to be highlighted as part of the Expect More Excellence Tour.

Receiving this month's **Judge's Pick** spotlight is **Experience Corps**, a program which engages retired community members to improve K-3 student literacy in disadvantaged schools in the **Tempe Elementary School District**. The retirees serve as tutors and mentors and are meeting a great need for additional support in the schools. The program taps into the experience and passion of retired community members to ensure that every child has a chance to succeed in school and in life.

Expect More Arizona, a nonprofit education advocacy organization, created the *Expect More Excellence Tour* to shine a light on what Arizonans are doing all over the state to make progress toward a world-class education. Highlighting examples of excellence statewide supports Expect More Arizona's efforts to create a high-expectations culture, where schools and educators are celebrated and supported, and students achieve great results.

View all of the current entries and submit your example of excellence today at ExpectMoreArizona.org.

Meet Our New Program Assistant

We hope you'll join us at the 2014 Arizona Statewide Out-of-School Time Conference on November 15 and help us welcome our newest AzCASE team member, Genevieve Burns.

Genevieve graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2014 where she pursued a bachelor of arts degrees in Communication Studies and International Affairs. At AzCASE, Genevieve hopes

to help others have transformative out-of-school opportunities.

Genevieve can be reached by e-mail at gburns@azafterschool.org.

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

Sincerely,

Melanie, Franny, Caitlin, Tyandrah & Genevieve
The AzCASE Team

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