



Test Out STEM Activities for a Chance to Win!

Are you looking for new, engaging activities that spur young people's imagination and creativity? The Boston Children's Museum has just completed a new set of NASA-inspired challenges, accessible from the museum's updated [Beyond the Chalkboard website](#). They need your help! If you would be willing to try out 5 of these NASA-inspired activities, optimized for elementary aged youth, with your program participants and provide feedback by the end of October via an [online survey](#), you'll be eligible for free astronomy-themed prizes and a \$25 gift card.

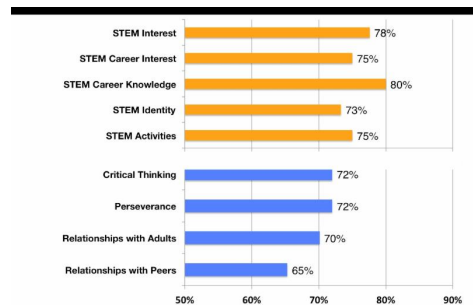


[Find out more and sign up to share your feedback](#)

Have Recent Investments in Afterschool STEM Improved Student Outcomes?

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U.S. policymakers have prioritized boosting student interest in science, engineering, technology and math (STEM) to prepare the nation's youth for an increasingly STEM-focused workforce. High-quality STEM afterschool programs are helping to fill this growing need. The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation and the Noyce Foundation (now STEM Next) played a critical role in helping states across the country to develop systems of support for these quality afterschool STEM programs so that they can share research and best practices.



[It's working to improve student outcomes. Read more](#)

How Do Hurricanes Form?

With 2017 having one of the worst hurricane seasons in over a century, it's a good time to learn more about these violent storms. NASA SpacePlace has a great resource for youth to find out how hurricanes form, learn about the different categories of hurricanes and much more!

[Learn more here](#)



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