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Summer Learning in Arizona by the Numbers

4 Hours

On average, children spend
4 hours per day in a
summer learning program.

5 Weeks

On average, children spend
5 weeks during the summer
in a summer learning
program.

\$414

On average, Arizona families
who pay for their child's
summer learning program
spend \$414 per week.

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Better Needs You!**

The @fterschool advisor

July 1, 2015

Congratulations, 2015 STEM Grantees!

AzCASE and Cox Communications are proud to **announce the recipients of the 2015 STEM Grants for out-of-school time programs**. Now in their fifth grant cycle, the grants are designed to encourage and promote the inclusion of informal STEM learning opportunities in OST programs of all kinds and range from \$500 to \$1500.

We were pleased with the diversity of the grant recipients, including programs from nonprofits, charter and public schools, and libraries spanning the state. From marine biology, to robotics, to rainwater harvesting, **these STEM programs will help prepare youth with valuable skills to prepare them for success in college, career and life.**

Thank you to all of the grant applicants for your commitment to positive youth development and informal STEM education! Grants are annual so be sure to stay tuned for details about our 2016 STEM grant cycle.

Here are the **2015 STEM Grant recipients:**

Alchesay High School, Whiteriver
Robotics Discovery Camp
Girl Scouts-AZ Cactus-Pine Council, Phoenix
Girl Scouts Robotics Program
HeatSync Labs, Phoenix
Young Makers Program
Kyrene Middle School, Tempe
After Hours Program
Mesa Public Schools, Mesa
STEMer Camp
Mountain Sky Junior High School, Phoenix
Marine Science Club
New Pathways for Youth, Phoenix

Read Better Be Better is in huge demand and will be **working with 6 schools in the 2015-2016 school year**, with a waiting list for more partnerships.

RBBB is now looking to hire **4 Site Leaders** to cover Phoenix sites for the next school year to work Tuesday and Thursday for a few hours.



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At this stage of development, RBBB is looking for individuals who are passionate about the mission and are excited to work on that basis and hopes to be able to offer more per hour in the future.

Lead at AZ SciTech!

Arizona SciTech is seeking a full time **Program and Education Director** to head up key partnership and events opportunities including the annual **Festival** and the new **Chief Science Officers** (CSO) Initiative.



Given the fast paced, publicly visible, dynamic nature of Arizona SciTech, a successful candidate will have strong problem solving, communication, mentoring, networking and collaboration skills.

[See here for more details about the job and qualifications](#) and email their cover letter, resume, and references to [Jeremy Babendure](#).

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Resources

Upcoming Events

Afterschool STEM

Paradise Valley High School, Phoenix

FIRST Robotics Club

Phoenix Public Library, Phoenix

MACH1 Makerspace Hacker Haven

Presidio School, Tucson

Creative Gardening and Water Harvesting

Rogers Ranch Elementary, Laveen

MESA Engineering Club

Trailside Point School, Laveen

Afterschool STEM Club

Westwood High School, Mesa

Westwood Robotics

Wickenburg High School, Wickenburg

Jump Start Summer Program

STEM Support Strong with APS Foundation Grant

The **APS Foundation** awarded AzCASE a **\$5,000 grant to expand STEM professional development** at our 23rd Annual AZ Statewide Out of School Time Conference.

Since 2012, the APS Foundation has been committed to supporting nonprofits that advance knowledge in the field of STEM to help **keep the next generation of Arizona's workforce strong and competitive.**



We're thrilled to be among the 17 nonprofits to receive a grant. Tina Marie Tentori, Executive Director of the APS Foundation, notes that these efforts will **"help create an educated workforce that is better prepared to serve our state in the future."**

21st CCLC Engineer it! Camp Open House

AzCASE was excited to attend an open house at **Paradise Valley School District** celebrating the end of their **successful 21st CCLC After the Bell STEM summer camps.**


We left so impressed by the **hands-on project-based learning** that 130 plus youth were able to experience in the month-long camp.

Their Make it!, Move It!, and Code It! activities and projects included 3D printing, coding, friction and movement.

The camp was based on the 5 E's approach to

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learning-Engage, Explore, Explain, Elaborate and Evaluate-and all the **youth ambassadors** were excited to explain their projects and share what they learned through their fun camp!

The Paradise Valley camp model is yet another example of excellent STEM learning outside the classroom. It is definitely a model worth replicating!



[Find more pictures on our blog soon!](#)

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

Sincerely,

Melanie, Franny, Genevieve & Caitlin
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