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Congratulations, AzCASE-Cox STEM Grant Recipients!



AzCASE and **Cox Communications** have announced the recipients of the 2017 STEM Grants for out-of-school time programs.

This cycle of the STEM Grant program brought in over 75 applications designed to encourage and promote the inclusion of informal STEM learning opportunities in Arizona out-of-school programs. Eight selected grant recipients come from programs spanning the state. Seven finalists received 4-H Rockets to the Rescue kits to bring to their programs. Thank you to all of the grant applicants for your commitment to positive youth development and informal STEM education!

Grants are annual so stay tuned for information about our 2018 STEM Grant cycle.

The 2017 STEM Grant recipients are:

Marana Estes Elementary 21CCLC Makerspace | Marana

Curry/Connolly Kid Zone Enrichment Program LEGO Robotics | Tempe

Fuller Kid Zone Enrichment Program Hex Bug Club | Tempe

Kyrene Community Education STEMtramurals Rubik's Cube Clubs | Tempe

Larry C. Kennedy School STEM in Sports | Phoenix

Pima Community College Pima For Kids Robotics and Coding with Arduino | Tucson

Moxie Girls Productions Moxie Girls Sierra Verde STEM Academy | Glendale

Tolleson Union-University High School RoboKrew Outdoor Exploration Robot | Tolleson

Learn More about the Grant Recipients

Arizona Program Directory Raffle Winner

Congratulations to the **Madison Adventure Club** (MAC) of Madison School District, who won the **Arizona Afterschool Program Directory** raffle. They now have rocket kits to bring a new STEM activity to their sites! The MAC program embraces the concept that high-quality before and after school programs can positively support greater engagement in learning and increased academic achievement.

To list your program on the Program Directory, <u>sign up</u> to join the directory or <u>log in</u> to update!



New Wallace Report on Social and Emotional Learning in OST



Last month, The Wallace Foundation published a new report,
Navigating SEL From the Inside Out: Looking Inside and Across
25 Leading SEL Programs: A Practical Resource for Schools and
OST Providers (Elementary School Focus).

This in-depth guide to 25 evidence-based programs offers information about curriculum and programmatic features that programs can use to make informed choices about their activities. The guide explains how programs can be adapted from schools to OST settings.

Education Track at Sci Fi/Fantasy Art Conference



Westercon 70, which celebrated the art and literature of science fiction and fantasy will host an Education Track for Youth Development Professionals. Presenters include arts education consultant and teaching artist, Tim Griffin, STEAM integrationist KellyAnn Bonnell and author and teaching artist Jennifer Czepiel. Workshops include "Using Art and Literature to

Build Science Identity", "There's Science in That There Art!", and "What is an Affinity Space". Westercon will be \$85 to attend July 1-4 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel and Conference Center. Professional Development Certificates will be available upon request.

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