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Program Resources

Events

Promoting Quality

Lend your voice to continue to raise awareness of the effects of the pandemic on your program

Afterschool and summer programs continue to face the challenges posed by the pandemic. We need your help to continue to tell the story of the ways in which COVID-19 is impacting your program and the kids and families you serve. By taking Afterschool Alliance's short survey, you are lifting up challenges programs face as the pandemic continues, and, more importantly, your answers will raise awareness of the short- and long-term effects of COVID-19 on the afterschool field.

Take the survey now and have a chance to **win a \$50 gift card!** Five winners will be selected at random each week the survey is open.

The survey should take no more than 10 minutes of your time and your responses will be anonymous. The survey will close at 11:59 p.m. PDT, Sunday, March 14.

Thank you for sharing information about your afterschool and summer programs! Start the survey at <https://3to6.co/survey>

If you need assistance completing the survey, please contact Lydia Redway at redway@edgeresearch.com.



Explorer Classroom

Engage students in a live discussion and Q&A session with cutting-edge scientists, researchers, and storytellers from across the globe. Explorer Classroom: Afterschool Edition is an interactive YouTube show that connects students with world-renowned National Geographic Explorers, like Mt. Everest Cartographer Alex Tait.

Biweekly on Wednesdays at 4 P.M. (EST)

[Registration Link](#)

BioBlitz

Learn to create lessons on biodiversity through outdoor exploration with our BioBlitz webinar training series. Each session teaches afterschool educators how to lead students in safe, fun, and free BioBlitz activities in which students must find as many species as possible over a short period of time.

Get outside! Explore nature this Spring and Summer! Check out the new [Guide to BioBlitz](#) for Afterschool Programs. This guide helps organize and lead BioBlitzes for afterschool and other informal education programs.

Dates: Wednesday, March 10 at 1 pm (EST), Tuesday, March 16 at 1 pm (EST), and Monday, March 22 at 1 pm (EST)

Access the event's registration page [here](#).

The USTA Southwest Section in cooperation with Covering the Court, LLC has developed a Virtual Tennis Skills Challenge that can be used for either virtual or in-classroom instruction.

It features seven fun and simple racket or paddle skill activities that can be done in limited space and with equipment alternatives using ordinary items found at home.



*The complete Virtual Tennis Skills Challenge package includes a **Teacher Edition** presentation for online instruction, a self-paced automated **Student Edition**, a Google forms worksheet for the students to record scores, a certificate template that can be distributed upon completion, and a simple one-page guide on how to conduct the challenge.*

All of these resources are free to teachers and coaches. To get started, click on the link below or on the attached flyer. You will be given instant access to the resources described above to offer the program. Also, below is a short tutorial on how to deliver the challenge.

Free Virtual Tennis Challenge for Kids



The National Summer Learning Association's **Summer Bootcamp: Get Ready for Summer Series** starts this week! Education leaders will provide you with the tools you need to keep kids healthy, learning, earning, and thriving through this pandemic and beyond.

[DETAILS HERE](#)

We'll dive into strategies to accelerate learning, build critical partnerships, and plan successful programs with evidence-based practices relevant to any scenario of summer plans emerging this season. March 1 - March 5 - **register today!**



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