STEM Adventure Mini-Camp
Grades 1-5

STEM Adventure Mini-Camp for students in grades 1 - 5 follows a general format each day.

- Check-in (8:15 – 8:30 am)
- Activities
- Snack Break (15 minutes)
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- Lunch Break (1-hour lunch and play time. Campers bring their lunches.)
- Activities
- Snack Break (15 minutes)
- Activities
- Clean-up
- Check-out (4:30 pm)

Camps are led by the Gateway to Science Programs Director with assistance from student staff members. Camps are filled with hands-on activities that explore the wide world of STEM.

Examples of activities include, but are not limited to:

- **Engineering design challenges** – Campers use specific materials (examples: paper, straws, tape, index cards, pipe cleaners, toothpicks, bubble wrap, string, paper cups, etc.) create a structure that can hold a book for 30 seconds, build a bridge between two chairs that will hold weights, design something to protect a raw egg when dropped from a height, etc.

- **Experiments** – Experiments range from extracting DNA from fruit to comparing gummy bears left overnight in plain water and in salt water to chromatography and more.

- **Coding** – Campers learn and experiment with programming using Ozobots and Spheros.

- **Construction Design** – Campers make a variety of creations to test and refine, such as rubber band cars, hydraulic arms, mini golf courses, airplanes, automatatas, parachutes, catapults, and rockets.

- **Outdoor activities** (weather permitting) – Campers play Nature Bingo while on walks, launch bottle rockets and stomp rockets, and assist with plants in garden boxes.