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## **'CITY OF STEM,' L.A.'s LARGEST SCIENCE PROGRAM, CELEBRATES LOCAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY THROUGHOUT APRIL 2019**

***Month-long program launches with Science Festival on Saturday, April 6***

**Los Angeles, CA (March 22, 2019)** - The Greater Los Angeles science community, including 100+ science, culture, and education partners, today announced that the City of STEM, Los Angeles' largest science program, unfolds throughout April 2019. The month-long, community-focused celebration of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) is composed of over 120 events for all ages, taking place throughout Los Angeles County and presented by more than 100 partner organizations. It all kicks off with the enormous *City of STEM Science Festival* on April 6 at the Columbia Memorial Space Center, in Downey California.

"It is with great pride that we celebrate the City of STEM Festival at our very own Columbia Memorial Space Center," said Mayor Rick Rodriguez. "Through festivals such as these, we continue to promote the importance of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, as it surrounds every aspect of our lives. I look forward to continue seeing our youth explore the world of STEM, and to continue seeing the growing success of this event every year."

"Los Angeles is an innovation incubator — a place where the world comes to develop new ideas and pioneer groundbreaking technologies," said Mayor Eric Garcetti. "City of STEM is an opportunity for L.A. to showcase a science, technology, and engineering ecosystem that is creating new opportunities every day and putting L.A. at the center of a global movement to envision tomorrow and build it today."



April's celebration will kick-off with a huge, **FREE science festival on Saturday, April 6**, at the Columbia Memorial Space Center in Downey, CA, that includes nearly 100 STEM exhibitors and hands-on activities from dozens of organizations around Southern California. The festival will feature indoor and outdoor STEM activities; a live science music stage; live demonstrations; food

trucks; panel discussions; mobile museums; VR experiences; a 50-foot Space Shuttle jumper; a performance from Jason Latimer and Impossible Science!; an appearance by the band OKGo's Sandbox experience; Marvel Studios; special guests; and much more. On the main stage, the City of STEM annual ICON award will be given this year to JPL engineer Diana Trujillo. The day also integrates the activities of the international "Yuri's Night, KIDS!" featuring a visit by an astronaut.

Throughout the rest of the month, City of STEM highlights over 120 diverse STEM events and activities happening every day in April. These events cover Greater Los Angeles and include a weekend of marine science in San Pedro, a biotech science-in-a-pub night hosted by Biocom, a "How Girls Museum" camp at the Natural History Museum, and a STEM career panel at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Also this year, City of STEM, in collaboration with Sempra Energy and Carrot, Inc., is launching an Innovation Challenge, inspiring all the kids in Greater Los Angeles to share their visions for the future of our region.

On top of that, on Monday, April 1, a very special City of STEM College Signing Event, supported by Boeing and Ozobot, will take place at L.A.'s City Hall with Mayor Garcetti's WiSTEM initiative to honor high school women committed to pursuing STEM studies in college. The Mayor will be on hand to celebrate the accomplishments of these young scientists and engineers.

City of STEM is Greater L.A.'s own, homegrown and original science festival. Organized by the Columbia Memorial Space Center, City of STEM brings together over 100 STEM organizations from education, civic and business sectors to work for the common cause of strengthening the STEM identity and access to STEM resources of all the people of Greater Los Angeles, while making it fun! The vision is that everyone, for one month, feels surrounded by STEM.

"City of STEM is a platform to unite the diversity of Greater Los Angeles, rallying the public around science and drawing attention to the region's continued national importance in research, education and industry, from aerospace to biotech," said Ben Dickow, City of STEM organizer, and President of the Columbia Memorial Space Center. "We will bring STEM activities to a variety of audiences, opening access to STEM throughout the region."

This festival continues to grow. Supporters include: The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation, Boeing, Ozobot, The Annenberg Foundation, Toshiba, Iotech, Financial Partners Credit Union, Southern California Edison, Sempra Energy, the City of Downey and the City of Los Angeles. City of STEM is also recognized as L.A.'s official science festival by the Science Festival Alliance, the national organization dedicated to connecting and promoting unique STEM events. City of STEM is part of the Science Festival Accelerator, a program of the Science Festival Alliance, funded by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation.

### **Festival Event Info**

What: City of STEM Science Festival

Date/ Time: Saturday, April 6  
10am – 5pm

Where: Columbia Memorial Space Center  
12400 Columbia Way  
Downey, CA 90242

Cost: FREE

Parking: Street Parking and a free remote lot 1.5 blocks away

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## City of STEM Partners Include:

- Aerojet Rocketdyne
- The Eli and Edythe Broad Foundation
- Sierra Club Los Angeles Chapter
- LA Audubon
- Aerospace Legacy Foundation
- Cal State University Long Beach
- CSULB Science Learning Center
- CSULB Mammal & Collections Labs
- SoCal Gas/ Sempra Energy
- Marvel Studios
- LA Ale Works
- Long Beach Public Library Mobile Studio
- AltaSea
- Discovery Cube
- Spaceport LA
- LA Zoo
- Ameoba People
- Day One
- SoLA Robotics
- LA Maritime Institute
- Aquarium of the Pacific
- DeVry University
- Southern California Edison
- LA Public Library
- Areteem Institute
- Downey Chess Club
- SpaceX
- Makersville
- Battleship IOWA Museum
- Downey High School Engineering
- STEAM Academy
- Marine Mammal Care Center
- Beach Hacks
- AWiSE: Advancing Women in Science and Engineering (UCLA)
- Edison International
- STEMup4Youth
- Mars Academy USA
- Bruin Allies for Duchenne at UCLA
- Biocom
- Striking Vikings
- Straight A
- Mars City Foundation
- Boeing
- Edgeworks Entertainment
- SpinMaster
- Tesla
- Chem Clubs
- Bolsa Chica Conservancy
- Financial Partners Credit Union
- The Engineer Factory
- Microsoft
- Brighter Future Charity
- Foto Mirror US
- XEP at UCLA
- Tinkers Corner
- Mount Wilson Observatory
- Bugible
- Friends of the LA River
- Toshiba
- Natural History Museum
- Cal Poly Pomona
- Girl Scouts of Greater Los Angeles
- USC
- Northrop Grumman
- Southern California Resource Services for Independent Living
- California Department of Fish & Wildlife
- Game Gen
- Two Bit Circus
- Newport Landing Whale Watch
- California Science Center
- Greater LA Vector Control
- USC Sea Grant Program
- Ozobot
- Canyon Consulting LLC
- HACEMOS (ATT)
- Virgin Orbit
- JPL
- PBS SoCal
- Carnegie Observatories
- Independent School Alliance
- Phantom Projects
- Carrot
- LA Ranger Troca - Santa Monica Mountains
- National Recreation Area (NPS)
- LA Cleantech Incubator
- Chi Epsilon Pi at UCLA
- Planetary Society
- Cerritos College
- Kidspace Children's Museum
- YMCA
- Rio Hondo College
- City of LA
- LA County Library
- Shared Science
- Civil Air Patrol
- LA Makerspace
- LA Port
- Port of LA TRANSPORTer Truck
- Meade Instruments Corporation
- The Institute of Engineering & Technology – SoCal Local Network
- Music Notes Math Rap
- LA County Alliance for Boys & Girls Clubs
- Roundhouse Aquarium Teaching Center
- CodeRev Kids
- Gearup4youth
- Southern California Rocket Association
- Children's Center at Caltech
- Engineering for Kids Los Angeles
- Erector by Meccano
- Estes and Schmitt
- STEM World
- Integrated Office Technology LLC
- Garvey School District
- Columbia Astronomers
- Mars Camps
- Galileo Learning
- Koala Know
- Friendly Planet Club
- Mad Science of Los Angeles
- LAUSD
- Hitachi
- The Annenberg Foundation

Organizations that would like to participate in the City of STEM Science Festival in April should visit [www.cityofstem.org](http://www.cityofstem.org)

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