

Educator Training

June 20, 2023



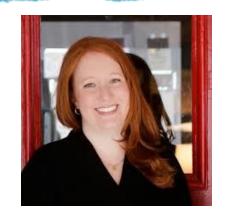


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NIFTY Educator Training

Agenda

- Welcome!
- Activity!
- Project Overview
- SciGirls Strategies
- Activity!
- Using Role Models in Programs
- Next Steps
- Questions
- Post-Training Evaluation Survey











ICEBREAKER!

What is your favorite STEM factoid?



Let's Do An Activity!

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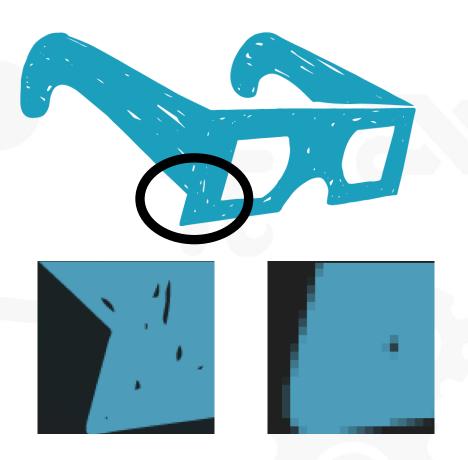
Passion for Pixels

- Explore binary coding by "transmitting" a picture from yourself to a partner
- Materials
 - Two paper grids (paper grids or hand-drawn grids)
 - Writing instrument



Passion for Pixels

- Digital images are made of picture elements (pixels)
- The ratio of pixels to area of the image determines the resolution (clarity) of the image
- 300 dpi printed images
- 72 dpi digital images







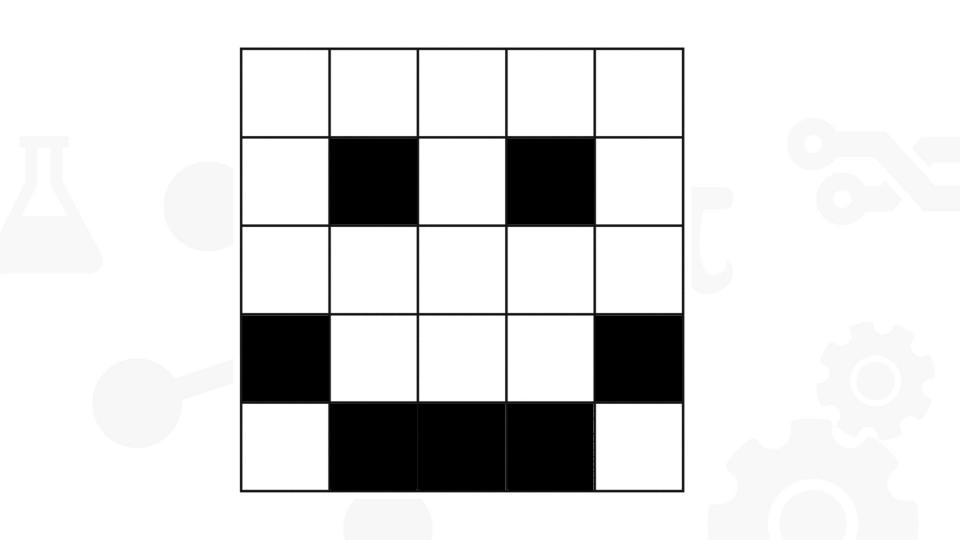
- Pick a "transmitter" and "receiver"
- The transmitter tells the receiver the image in binary code
- "0" for empty square
- "1" for filled square
- This is binary coding!





Important tips

- Determine order of transmission
- Left to right? Right to left?
- Does a new line start on the same side you began on or wrap around?



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NASA Inspires Futures for Tomorrow's Youth

The NIFTY project goal is to connect NASA STEM role models with youth-serving STEM programs for underrepresented youth (ages 9-14) in STEM, with a critical focus on girls and other historically excluded genders in STEM, which includes cis girls, trans youth, gender non-conforming, and/or non-binary youth, youth of color, and their families.

The NIFTY project is funded by NASA Science Activation.





NIFTY Program Requirements

- Attend the SciGirls Strategies Training
- Must run a NASA-themed STEM program between July 1, 2023 and October 31, 2023 with the following:
 - 10 hours of programming
 - At least 10 middle-school aged youth
 - Include a visit (virtual or in person) with at least one NASA STEM Role Model
 - **Evaluation Surveys**
 - Post-training survey
 - Post-program survey
 - Distribute family and youth surveys







The SciGirls
Strategies:
How to Engage Girls in
STEM



The Big Idea





Media and education that changes the way girls see STEM and the world sees girls.







Our Approach

- On TV
 - national PBS Kids series
- Online
 - PBS Kids website
- On the Ground
 - activities and professional development







On TV

- Check your local PBS listings OR watch full episodes online
 - Features real girls doing STEM investigations they're passionate about
 - Highlights the science and engineering processes
 - Features real women STEM professionals













New Episodes & Activities! SciGirls in Space



Online





SciGirls

Mobile friendly website for kids!







Online



















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SciGirls Strategies: How to Engage Girls in STEM!

Learn about the latest strategies to engage girls in STEM!

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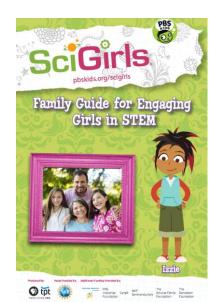


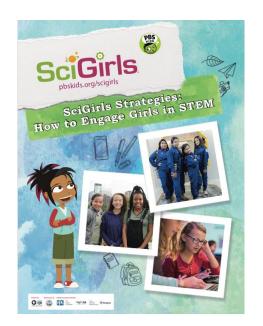


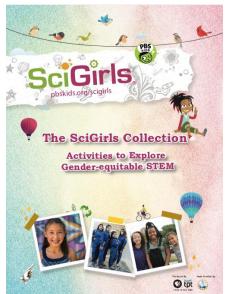


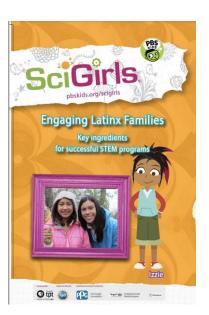


On The Ground

















Let's look at the data! Research/Rationale

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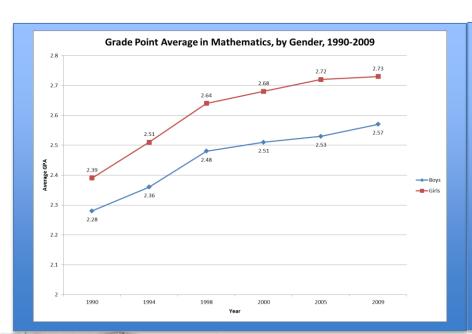


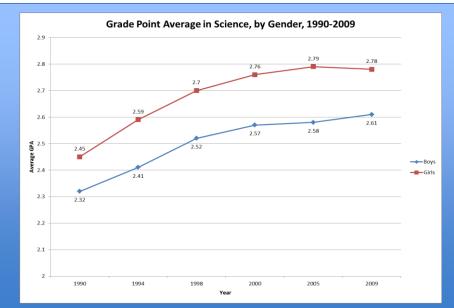






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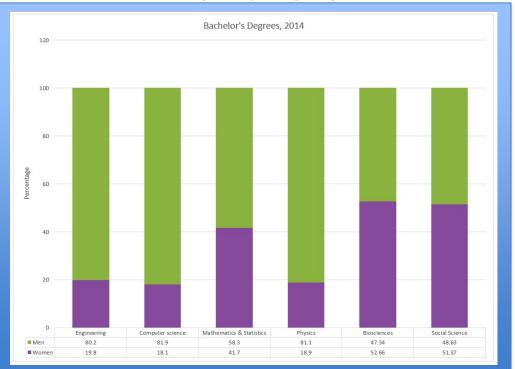






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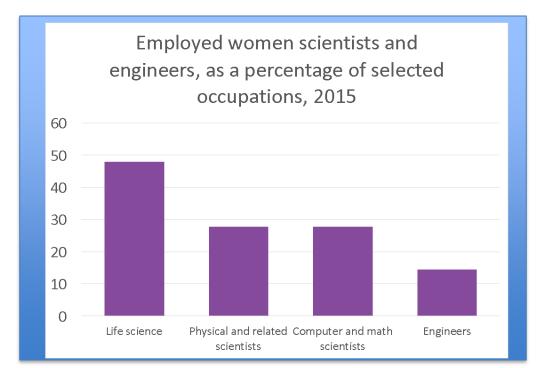




Bachelor's Degrees







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- Boys and girls do not display a significant difference in their abilities in STEM. The cause is social and environmental.
- Differences consistently appear in girls' interest and confidence in STEM subjects, starting at a very young age.
- These differences can be linked to a negative self-perception, enhanced by stereotypes.







Framing the SciGirls Strategies

STEM for all learning environment and culturally responsive teaching practices frame all of the *SciGirls Strategies*.









STEM for All Learning Environment

Brainstorm:

What creates the least welcoming STEM learning environment?

- Physical space
- Behaviors/interactions of people







STEM for All Learning Environment

- Create a warm and well decorated space that fosters cooperation and acceptance
- Learn about youth's needs
- Practice and encourage active listening
- Use icebreakers
- Create an atmosphere of mutual respect
- Provide opportunities for youth to voice their opinions and feel accepted











Culturally Responsive Teaching

Lifelong process of using cultural knowledge, prior experiences, and performance styles of diverse students to make learning more appropriate and effective for students.



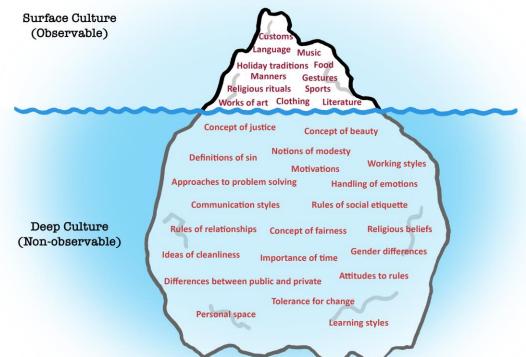








Culturally Responsive Teaching









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- Connect STEM experiences to girls' lives.
- 2 Support girls using STEM practices.
- Empower girls to embrace struggles.
- Encourage girls to challenge STEM stereotypes.
- **Emphasize that STEM is collaborative and community-oriented.**
- Interact with diverse STEM role models & mentors.









Small Group Discussion

- 1. Take a look at the SciGirls Strategies Postcard.
- 2. Choose 1 2 strategies that catch your attention.
- 3. Discuss your strategy(s): do you agree with it? Have you used it in your space? How could it affect youth in your programs or in your life?







1. Connect STEM Experiences to

their lives

- Allow youth to explore issues or topics they care about and that impact their lives, families, or communities to help them see the relevancy of STEM.
- Include posters, materials, and examples that reference girls' communities and experiences; for instance, posters of STEM professionals who mirror the girls.
- Allow time for reflection. You might ask them to write in a journal or talk with each other about connections to their lives.







2. Support girls using STEM practices.

- Engage girls in hands-on, inquiry-based STEM experiences that incorporate practices used by STEM professionals
- STEM Practices: asking questions and identifying problems, planning investigations, making predictions, building and testing models or prototypes, analyzing data and constructing explanations, and sharing results and solutions







3. Empower girls to embrace struggle.

- Working through problems and having experiments fail is a normal part of the scientific and engineering process.
- Provide time and space for to grapple with and process ideas before stepping in to provide support and direction.
- Ask questions that get at the process of learning rather than a finished product
- Provide feedback on things they can control such as process, strategy, behavior







4. Encourage girls to challenge

• Provide examples of what STEM looks like for professionals. Help girls understand the stereotypical STEM professional is not what many people experience in their own work lives.

- Incorporate materials, images, and content that counter stereotypes about who does STEM.
- Provide opportunities for girls to work together, support each other, and connect with STEM-minded peers.
- Point out that doing STEM and being a STEM person does not contradict how girls see themselves or their aspirations for the future.







5. Emphasize that STEM is collaborative, social, and

• Provide opportunities for girls to collaborate successfully and help them understand the benefits of collaboration.

- Give girls ownership in the process by designing meaningful team roles that are intellectually engaging and provide opportunities for each girl to contribute to the learning process.
- Help girls get to know each other, make connections, and feel comfortable sharing their ideas.
- Share examples of how STEM offers opportunities to work with others, help others, and give back to the community.







6. Interact with diverse STEM role models and mentors

- Incorporate role models who are supportive, engaging, and relatable who mirror the diversity in your population.
- Encourage role models to describe their career path, what their work looks like and how their work benefits others. Ask them to talk about their personal lives as well, including their hobbies, interests, pets, and families.
- Provide opportunities for girls to engage with different types of role models like STEM professionals, educators, parents, and near peers (high school or college students).







FabFems Website

FabFems is an international, online, searchable directory of women STEM professionals interested in outreach to girls

Audience:

- Role Models
- Girl-Serving Programs
- Parents and Girls

www.fabfems.org











Take a quick break, and then...

Let's Do An Activity!

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Soda Straw Rocket

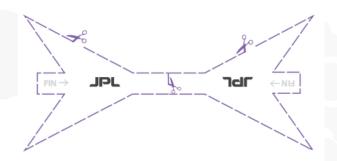
- Create and test paper rockets by launching them from a straw
- Materials
 - Pencil
 - Scissors
 - Tape
 - Straw
 - Meter stick or measuring tape



Soda Straw Rocket

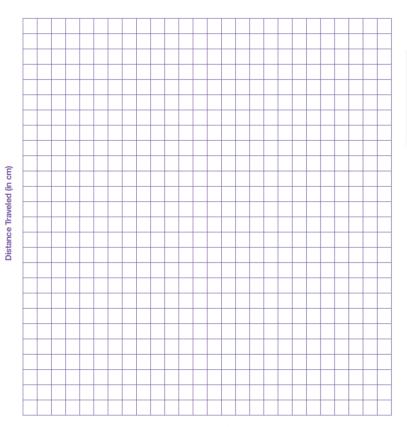
- Measure length of rocket cone and test through multiple trials
- Compare flight distance across multiple cone lengths





Length of Nose Cone		Distanc	e Traveled			
(in cm)	Trial 1	Trial 2	Trial 3	Trial 4	Trial 5	Notes

Straw Rocket Data Analysis



Length of Nose Cone (in cm)

Tips and extensions

- Move the pencil up and down the rocket to change cone length
- Make other changes
 - Multiple/different size fins
 - Paper clips to change weight balance
 - Different size/diameter pencils as rocket body guide
- Hold a design contest to see who makes the coolest looking rocket

SciGirls Strategies Debrief

Which strategies did you see in the activity?

Which strategies will be hardest to implement?

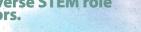


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Role Model Strategies: Encouraging Youth to Consider STEM Careers

- 1. Show diversity of people in STEM.
- 2. Make a personal connection to create an inclusive learning space.
- 3. Share your whole self.
- 4. Share your STEM journey.
- 5. Encourage learning from setbacks.
- Communicate how your work impacts people, your community, and the world.
- 7. Show how STEM is creative and collaborative.
- 8. Provide resources for support and guidance.

Using Role Models in Programs











Role Model Visits

- Be sure to connect with your role model before they visit with your program!
 - Keep in mind this might be their first time talking to a youth group.
- Educators should read the *SciGirls Role Model Strategies* guide so they are familiar with role model best practices, too.
- Prepare your youth before the role model visit!
 - Tell them a little about the role model
 - Brainstorm questions they would like to ask!
- Families benefit from meeting role models too! Consider inviting your role model to attend the family event.





Role Model Visits

- Encourage interaction!
 - Invite your role model to participate in an activity with the youth or have them lead an activity!
 - Have the youth share their projects with the role model and invite feedback!
- If your role model is visiting virtually, keep these things in mind:
 - Be sure your role model can see all the youth in the program
 it will be easier for them to interact if they can see each other's faces and read reactions!
 - Encourage your role model to share photos and use props, even if they are virtual!





Project Website

https://www.starnetlibraries.org/about/our-projects/nasa-inspires-futures-for-tomorrows-youth/























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Water Cycle Paper Craft

Patrons learn about how the water...



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Walk Through Time: Water in the Four Corners Region



Take & Make



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I'm Super



We're Super Creative



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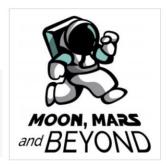
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Look Up! Explore Our Universe



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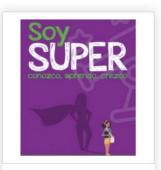
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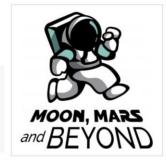
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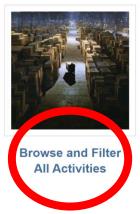
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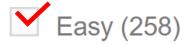


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- ✓ One hour

Difficulty Level (by content)



- Medium (236)
- Rocket Scientist (21)

- ✓ Tweens
- ✓ One hour
- ✓ Easy

Additional Languages Available



- ✓ Tweens
- ✓ One hour
- ✓ Easy
- ✓ Instructions in Spanish



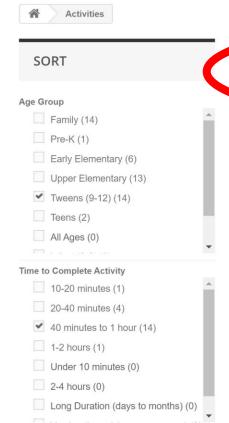
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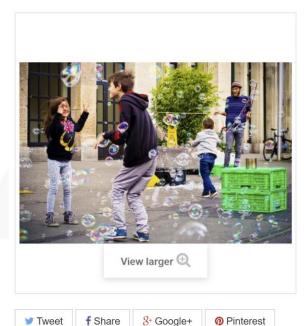
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Age Group





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Open Activity



Age Group

Family

Early Elementary

Upper Elementary

Tweens (9-12)

Time to Complete Activity

20-40 minutes

40 minutes to 1 hour

Cost associated with Activity Materials

\$5-\$10

Difficulty Level (by content)

Easy

Mess Level

High

Additional Languages Available

Española / Spanish

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WRITE A REVIEW



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Participants Enjoyed the Activity:



Participants Learned from This Activity:



Activity Instructions Were Clear and Easy to Follow:

Would Recommend:



Title: *

Next Steps

- Watch for emails from Julie
- Payments in July sign/send agreements
- Communication with role models
- Run your programs!
- Post-program evaluation surveys







Questions?



Evaluation Survey

Dr. Hilarie B. Davis, TLC Inc.

