



Mission

- To instill a love of learning science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in all children by providing unique opportunities to explore, create and be inspired

Vision

- To create a world class children's science museum

What?

Community Programs

Traveling programs offering hands-on STEM activities at schools and other venues; 60% of our school programs serve Title 1 schools at no charge

Annual Visitors	20,000+
Timeframe	Ongoing

Children's Science Center Lab (First Operating Site)

A dynamic and fun interactive museum where the region's families and school groups can visit any day of the year for STEM learning

Annual Visitors	60,000+
Facility	5,400 sq. ft.
Timeframe	Now open!
Hours of Operation	Open 7 days a week, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm Check website for special extended hours

Full-Scale Children's Science Center (Future)

A world-class, full scale, interactive children's museum with hands-on exhibits and programs focusing on STEM

Annual Visitors	300,000+
Facility	30,000 - 70,000 sq. ft. phased build-out
Timeframe	Targeted to open 2020

Why?

- STEM education is a critical component to future American competitiveness and is the foundation upon which the next generation will succeed
- Cognitive scientists have proven that children learn best by hands-on experiential, play-based learning
- Interest in STEM fields is declining at an alarming rate among our nation's youth, especially for elementary and middle school students



Informal education experiences such as science museums **improve STEM literacy.**

51% of new jobs in our region will require STEM skills.

There is marked **decline in interest in STEM** by 8th grade.

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