

The Latest in OST with BOOST

Thank you to everyone who attended our first BOOST quarterly meeting of 2022! We hope the trainings provided you with valuable information to further support your programming into the spring and summer seasons. As a reminder, our next BOOST Network Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for June 7th.

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Spring into Summer



Spring into Summer Campaign

BOOST is excited for our upcoming campaign to promote the amazing programming you are offering this summer. This year's Spring into Summer campaign will take place the weeks of May 8th and May 15th. We want to include your programs in our 2022 Summer Program Guide which will be available for parents and youth on the BOOST website, and promoted on our social media pages. To participate, **please fill out this SURVEY by March 31st**. As we get closer to the start of the campaign, we will also be sending an information packet to each of you and asking all OST programs to help promote the benefits of summer programs to your parents, youth, and audiences.

[Start Survey](#)

Member Highlights & Activities

2022 Spring Youth Cheer Program



Registration for [The City of Las Cruces Parks & Recreation Department's 2022 Spring Youth Cheer Program](#) will begin on Monday, March 14 at the Meerscheidt Recreation Center, located at 1600 E. Hadley Ave. This FUNdamental recreational program will focus on building self-esteem, social skills, and positive peer relationships while participants learn jumps, stunts, and cheers. In addition, participants will have an opportunity to cheer during youth basketball games. The program is available to youth ages 5 to 10 with classes offered twice a week beginning the week of April 4th. Spots are limited and are on a first come first served basis. For more information on this program and other programs offered by the Parks & Recreation Department, [click here](#).

Be a Difference Maker With the YMCA Changemakers Project



Thanks to support from Amazon, the [YMCA of El Paso](#) is offering high school students in the region the opportunity to propose a project that addresses a critical issue or need in their communities. The winning project will win a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent El Paso and have a chance to win a \$5,000 prize. [Click here](#) for more information, or contact Michelle Combs at (915)532-9622 or michelle.combs@elpasoyymca.org.

Gila Lodge Bug Scuffle and Super Smash Brothers Competition



The [Boy Scouts of America's Yucca Council](#) will be hosting their Annual Lodge Bug Scuffle on Saturday, March 19th. Participating scouts will spend the day learning how to make Native American crafts, as well as learning about singing, dancing and drumming. In the afternoon, Scouts will then compete against their fellow Arrowmen in a *Super Smash Bros.* tournament for a chance to win prizes. [Click here](#) for more details and to register.

Spring Break in La Rodadora

[La Rodadora](#) invites you and your youth to spend your spring break at the museum.



For only \$4.99 per guest, visitors will enjoy interactive exhibits, the museum's amazing paleontology dome and biodiversity room, a display of their animals in the sustainable yard, and dozens of arts and science workshops. Take your kids to the interactive museum for a unique experience this spring break! For more information, click [here](#).

Professional Development & Funding Opportunities

Minecraft and Afterschool



[EduMEE](#) invites youth in grades K-8 to join their project-based STEM classes that follow the Next Generation Learning Standard, and are taught by US certified teachers via the popular online game Minecraft. To learn more, click, [here](#).

Summer Bootcamp



The data on COVID-19's impact on students is startling with studies showing that on average, students were five months behind in math and four months behind in reading by the end of the 2020–21 academic year. To help students recover from these losses, the [National Summer Learning Association's](#) Summer Bootcamp will be hosting a series of workshops designed to empower out-of-school time (OST) programs with tools and best practices they need to meet this moment head on. Led by dynamic OST leaders, the sessions delve into strategies to accelerate learning, build critical partnerships, and plan successful strategies to meet any scenario this summer season. For workshop dates and to register for the Summer Bootcamp, click [here](#).

PBS Ready Jet Go!

[Ready Jet Go!](#) Is an online interactive program offered by PBS Kids that builds on children's curiosity of astronomy and earth science through stories, games, and videos that feature characters learning about space. Catered to children ages 3-8. the site also aims to make kid viewers



responsible citizens of planet Earth. Click [here](#) to visit Ready Jet Go! and explore its videos, games, and activities.

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