

## The Latest in OST with BOOST

Join us for our first  
Quarterly Meeting of 2022!

### March BOOST Quarterly Meeting

RSVP Now Open!



Save the date! The first BOOST Network Quarterly Meeting of 2022 will be on Tuesday, March 1st. We will continue to meet virtually via Zoom and look forward to reconnecting as a network. Please join us and be ready to share your thoughts, input, ideas, and suggestions for the upcoming Spring season during a fun and engaging networking session and small capacity building opportunity. Click [here](#) to RSVP for the March Quarterly Meeting today!

## Member Highlights & Activities

### Project GUTS: Growing Up Thinking Scientifically

The [NMSU STEM Outreach Center's](#) Project GUTS-Growing Up Thinking Scientifically is an afterschool program for middle school students designed to introduce computer programming and computational thinking skills, students



receive an in-depth look at complex systems, models and simulation, and learn to create computer models from scratch. Project GUTS helps students prepare for exciting careers in science, technology, and engineering by developing their computer skills and giving them access to the latest technology. Find out more about the program [here](#).

## Home Scientist for Not Yet Girl Scouts



The [Girls Scouts of the Desert Southwest](#) are calling all “Not Yet Girl Scouts” to learn more about what it means to be a Girl Scout and how they can become part of the largest girl-led organization in the United States. Interested girls are invited to join their Home Scientist event on Saturday, February 26th. The event will have participants use common items from home to conduct cool experiments such as following a balloon with a comb, making pepper dance, bending water with a comb, and discovering how to make an egg float! Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

## Blind Date with a Book

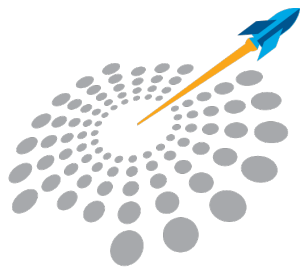


Need a date for Valentine's Day? Visit the [El Paso Public Libraries](#) (EPPL) Esperanza Acosta Moreno Branch and be “Dewey Matched” with a [Blind Date with a Book](#). In addition, EPPL will host a special Valentine’s Day edition of their Read and Ride event on February 12th that will feature children’s books that celebrate Valentine’s Day. Register for the Read and Ride event [here](#).

## Professional Development & Funding Opportunities

### Million Girls Moonshot Flight Crew

[Million Girls Moonlight](#) is looking for young scientists, engineers, inventors, builders, and leaders who have been inspired by their experiences outside of the classroom to become a part of their Flight Crew. Their



## MILLION GIRLS MOONSHOT

Flight Crew is a cohort of youth advocates, ages 13-18, who are committed to creating equity for girls in STEM by elevating youth voices and inspiring future STEM leaders. Flight Crew members will participate in six months of virtual programming where they will hone their leadership and advocacy skills using their own experiences from afterschool STEM learning. Applications are due February 25, 2022. Apply [here!](#)

## TI Resources for After School Programs



Motivate your middle school-aged youth to become tomorrow's innovators by taking their learning to the next level with the resources provided by [Texas Instruments](#) (TI). Along with trusted TI graphing calculators, software, apps, and other technology, their free STEM and coding activities are a great entry point into programming for students who are interested in technology. Students can use real-world technology as an on-ramp into robotics, collect and analyze data, and more! OST Providers can use TI's resources for your after-school programs!

## Garden Grant Program



[Whole Kids Foundation](#) knows that the more kids know and feel connected to their food, the more curious they become about how things grow or taste, and the more willing they are to try new foods. This is why they believe in engaging youth in edible garden learning spaces! Their Garden Grant program provides a \$3,000 monetary grant to support a new or existing edible educational garden. For further details, eligibility requirements, and to apply to the grant, click [here](#).

## Coaching Corps Partnership



If your program makes health and wellness a priority, partnering with [Coaching Corps](#) can take your OST game to the next level! Coaching Corps provides partners with a free platform for your organization to recruit coaches, take part in evidence-based online trainings grounded in the latest trauma-informed care and SEL research, and access timely coaching resources and support for afterschool programs large and small. To sign up, fill out the form [here](#).

## SAC Kits for OST Programs



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The [California Academy of Sciences](#) has designed kits for middle school-aged youth in out-of-school time programs. SAC kits feature games, projects, and hands-on investigations that inspire wonder for the natural world. Available in English and Spanish, each kit includes 12 activity plans, tools, and supplies for 20 youth, as well as a self-paced online training for program staff. Learn more about their services [here](#).

### Connect with Us!

