PLANETS: Space Science Curricular Materials for Out-of-School-Time Programs

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Planetary Learning that Advances the Nexus of Engineering, Technology, and Science

PLANETS Goals

- Develop two Engineering Everywhere Units and one Engineering Adventures Unit
- Create professional development modules and resources for educators
- Research impact of products on students and educators
- Model an interdisciplinary partnership between planetary Subject Matter Experts (SMEs), OST curriculum developers, science and engineering PD experts, and OST networks



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Engineering Everywhere

- Designed for 6th through 8th grade
- Available free for download eie.org
- Engages youth in real world design challenges uniquely designed for out-of-school settings

Each Engineering Everywhere Unit:

- engages youths in grades
 6-8 in the Engineering
 Design Process.
- Empower and challenge youths to think critically and creatively.
- Contains 8-9 activities, each about an hour long



New PLANETS Units – Engineering Everywhere

Worlds Apart: Engineering Remote Sensing Devices

 Using geospatial engineering, youth will engineer remote sensing tools to gather and visualize information about a newly discovered moon for their clients at NASA. The visuals they create will help their fellow engineers safely land a rover, gather geological information, and educate the public about the solar system.

Testing the Waters: Engineering Greywater Systems

 Using systems engineering, youth will engineer a system to produce a water sample that is as clean as possible. Both the water filters youth design and the order of tasks in the greywater system will be important.

Each Engineering Adventures Unit:

- engages kids in grades 3-5 in the Engineering Design Process
- sets a multicultural and real-life context for the challenge
- gives kids the chance to work in groups and share their work
- contains 6-10 activities, each about 45 minutes long, with flexible scheduling options
- Units developed and available for free online eie.org



New PLANETS Unit

- To be developed
- Volcanic studies



Curriculum Development Process



Kids' Attitudes About Engineering





Needs Assessment for Professional Development

- 1. What are perceived needs of (OST) educators in order to implement meaningful and high quality STEM instruction?
- 2. What we can do to make educational experiences more accessible, acceptable and useful to (OST) educators and program coordinators?

- PLEASE share the needs assessment survey link with your networks: <u>http://bit.ly/2cJbgz4</u>
- Respondents will be eligible to win a Engineering is Elementary guide of their choice.

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