What's going on in Arkansas STEM...

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## Seed Survivor Mobile Classroom

The Arkansas Farm Bureau Foundation and **Ag in the Classroom** program have partnered with **Agrium** to bring their **Seed Survivor** mobile classroom to Arkansas. The Seed Survivor mobile classroom will be available to visit schools in the following education service cooperatives from February - May 2018:

Southeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative, February 1 - March 2 Arkansas River Education Service Cooperative, February 1 - March 2 Great Rivers Education Service Cooperative, March 5 - April 13 Lonoke, Prairie & Woodruff County Schools, March 5 - April 13 Northeast Arkansas Education Service Cooperative, April 16 - May 25 Crowley's Ridge Education Service Cooperative, April 16 - May 25

This interactive learning experience encourages children in **GRADES 3-4** to master the elements that plants need to grow. Your school must register online to request the display:<u>https://seedsurvivor.rnp.io/</u>

## STEM GIRLS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES SPRING 2018

The Arkansas STEM Coalition partnered with the Arkansas Department of Career Education to implement STATE & TARGETED STEM LEADERSHIP FOR GIRLS Conferences on college campuses. The conferences promote interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics for girls grades 7-12. Nine conferences have already taken place, 12 more will be implemented in the spring 2018. See below.

#### STATEWIDE STEM GIRLS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCS

April 13, 2018 - University of Arkansas at Little RockApril 18, 2018 - University of Arkansas at Fort Smith

#### TARGETED STEM GIRLS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

April 2 - Arkansas State University-Delta for Joneboro School District
April 13 - Henderson State University for DeQueen School District
April 18 - Southern Arkansas University for Camden, Ashdown, Southwest
Coop, Texarkana SD
April 20 - Southern Arkansas University for Camden, Ashdown, Southwest
Coop, Texarkana SD
April 20 - University of Arkansas at Monticello for Southeast Coop
April 26 - University of Arkansas at Monticello for El Dorado SD
March 30 - Henderson State University forDawson Coop
May 11 - University of Arkansas at Little Rock for Pulaski County SD
May 15 - University of Arkansas at Little Rock for Pulaski County SD

Visit <u>https://arkansasstemcoalition.com/contact/locations/</u> to contact STEM Centers to sign-up and for more information.

### 2018 Teacher Conservation Tour Workshop Series

In 2018, the Teacher Conservation Tour - sponsored by the Arkansas Forestry Association Education Foundation (AFAEF) - will offer a 3-part workshop series focusing on the environmental, ecological, and economic benefits of Arkansas's forestlands and timber industries. Click the sessions below for more information.

<u>June 14-15, 2018 - Session 1 – Technology in the Forest</u> <u>June 28-29, 2018 - Session 2 – Woods and Wildlife</u> November 1-2, 2018 - Session 3 – Pine to Power

If you have questions, please contact Rob Beadel at (501) 374-2441 or rbeadel@arkforests.org.



## SAVE THE DATA COMPUTER SCIENCE EDUCATION CONFERENCE JULY 1-2 HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY



#### **Upcoming Events**

March 14, 2018 - <u>The basics of Unity and VR - Northeast Arkansas Education Coop</u> <u>Walnut Ridge</u>

March 14, 2018 - Everyday STEM Mysteries for Math Teachers(PD)

March 15, 2018 - Using Hands-On Mathematics(PD)

March 20, 2018 - Project Learning Tree - Meet the Trees Wrokshop

March 20-22, 2018 - Engaging Creative Minds Spring Day Camp

March 26-27, 2018 - Microbit in the Library/Media Centers

April 10, 2018 - Computer Science Coding/Professional Devlopment HSU K-4 Bootcamp

April 18, 2018 - STEM Girls Leadership Conference, University of Arkansas at Fort Smith

April 19, 2018 - Science Olympics HSU

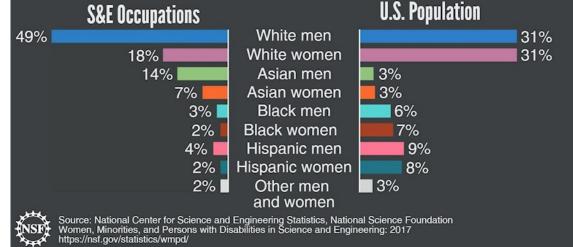
April 24,2018 - Kindergartners Earth Day at Botanical Gardens

April 25, 2018 - Grades 1st - 3rd Earth Day at Botanical Gardens

If we are missing your event, please send the information including a contact person to info@arkansasstemcoalition.com.

# Workers in science and engineering occupations

In 2015, women and some minority groups were represented less in science and engineering (S&E) occupations than they were in the U.S. general population.



University of Central Arkansas STEM Center Focus The UCA Institute for STEM Professional Development and Education Research (UCA STEM Institute) plays a vital role in support of the University's mission in teacher education in science and mathematics. The Institute provides high quality, innovative STEM educational opportunities through developing partnerships, professional development, research, K-12 outreach, and sharing of instructional resources. These activities are aligned with state and national initiatives and contribute to the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics' vision of being a national leader in STEM education.

They aspire to be the premier institute for development, use and promotion of research-proven pedagogies and rigorous content in P-16 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education in Arkansas and to be recognized as a leader in this area nationally.

For more info on UCA's STEM Center, click the logo below.



