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**Insurance is STEM**

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**STEM can broaden your Horizons**

STEMconnector's new ebook, Insurance is STEM, will explore the exciting STEM-fueled companies...

The possibilities of having a meaningful career in the insurance industry are endless. However, there is considerable work to be done to ensure that the insurance industry has a diverse, robust and sustainable STEM workforce that it needs to keep pace with the accelerating rate of change in today's world. STEMconnector's new ebook, Insurance is STEM, will explore the exciting STEM-fueled companies, careers and trends in the insurance industry. It's not your parents' industry anymore.

Topics covered in the ebook include:

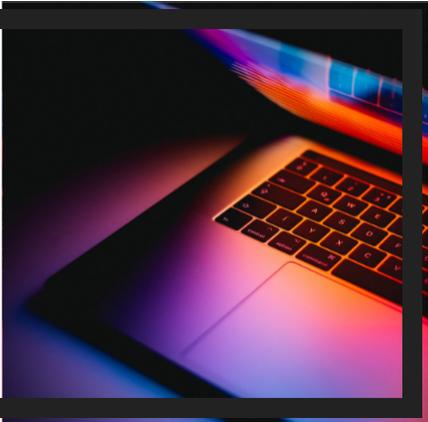
- Insurance basics
- Real stories
- How STEM powers insurance
- Viable insurance career pathways
- Links to Helpful Resources, and more!

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**Laptop Loan Program**

The Arkansas STEM Coalition offers Arkansas students in grades 4-12 the opportunity to ...



If your organization might want to participate in this program, please fill out the following Laptop Loan Request Form below, and the Coalition will get in contact with you within 2-3 business days. You can learn more about the Laptop Loan Program [here](#).



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## Upcoming Events

### TSA Fall Leadership Conference



This is an opportunity to get to know members of Arkansas TSA across the state. This conference is a requirement of students that want to be state officers. It is full of fun TSA leadership lessons. The Fall Leadership conference gives students a chance to enhance their leadership skills and network while focusing on the 21st Century Leadership Skills.

Date: **October 26, 2021**

Location: Camp Couchdale, 301 Catherine Park Rd, Hot Springs, AR 71913

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

**Cost: \$15 per student and advisor (This cost includes lunch)**

[Register for TSA](#)

### Learn about SPACE Food



What do astronauts eat to maintain a healthy but delicious diet in space? How do we grow nutritious crops in harsh conditions far from Earth? How can future lunar or Martian exploration missions provide enough food for their crews? And can these challenges help us improve food systems on Earth? You can be a part of answering these questions at any age and educational level!

This educational event will pique and satisfy your curiosity regarding questions like these and more by hearing from and asking questions of scientific experts, former NASA astronauts Alvin Drew and José Hernández, and people of all ages taking part in the innovative technology developments of the Deep Space Food Challenge and the citizen science experiments of the Plant the Moon Challenge. You will learn about the incredible advancements in food production technology and how you can be a part of the future of these initiatives.

[Register](#)

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## Have a STEM event? Let us spread the word!

If you know of any STEM-based programs or events to take place that you would like us to announce, we would be glad to review them and post them on our [website event calendar!](#)

In order to get started, submit an event on our [event upload form at this link](#) or email [info@arkansasstemcoalition.com](mailto:info@arkansasstemcoalition.com), and we will do the rest. We appreciate you contributing to STEM education in Arkansas!

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## Webinar on STEM Ecosystems Updates



We invite you to join us for a very important discussion about the STEM Learning Ecosystems Community of Practice.

On **October, 12 at 12:30PM ET / 9:30 AM PT**, we will gather to discuss a new structure for the SLECoP, including the introduction of the Leadership Coordinating Council (LC2); Updates on the June 2022 Spring Convening; the launch of Ecospheres; a discussion of ESSER funds and more!

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## AEEA Mini-grant Application



The Arkansas Environmental Education Association is soliciting proposals of up to \$500 for AEEA's Environmental Education Mini-grant Program. The program is designed to support, enhance, and expand the implementation of environmental education throughout the state of Arkansas by classroom teachers and non-formal educators and organizations.

### Timeline:

- Applications open September 7, 2021
- **Deadline for applications is 5:00pm October 15, 2021**
- Award notification announced December 1, 2021
- Funds will be distributed in January 2022
- Final grant report due to AEEA by December 31, 2022

### Grant Submission Requirements:

- Complete proposals must be received by AEEA by 5:00pm October 15, 2021.
- Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals via Google Forms. You do not need a Google account to fill out the form. The application questions are listed below.

<https://forms.gle/KckoxuW4ap8Xaqir5>

- Proposals must include a project budget. You may use this [Google Sheets template](#) provided or create your own. If using the template provided, save as your own cThe Arkansas Environmental Education Association is soliciting proposals of up to \$500 for AEEA's Environmental Education Mini-grant Program. The program is designed to support, enhance, and expand the implementation of environmental education throughout the state of Arkansas by classroom teachers and non-formal educators and organizations. opy before adding information.
- Proposals from nonprofit organizations must include an organization tax exempt ID number.

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The **Arkansas STEM Coalition** is grateful to be a part of the worthwhile effort to promote STEM education, and we are thankful for readers like you who support us with each newsletter release. From our state representatives who fight for STEM education daily, our dedicated educators and encouraging parents, to our learners learning the disciplines for the future, none of this could have been possible without you.

To further help the Arkansas STEM Coalition continue this necessary mission, there are several ways you can contribute.

[Your Support Makes a Difference](#)

## Website Donations

**You can easily donate to the Arkansas STEM Coalition through PayPal from our website.** Simply visit our donation page, fill out the form, and then submit, where you can finish the process from PayPal.

[Donate Now](#)

## Laptop Loan Program Available



The **Arkansas STEM Coalition** has over **120 laptops** that **educational institutions and non-profit organizations** may use for their events for up to **30 days**, with a cost of **\$1 per laptop**. If your organization might want to participate in this program, please fill out the following Laptop Loan Request Form below, and the Coalition will get in contact with you within 2-3 business days. You can learn more about the Laptop Loan Program [here](#).

## AmazonSmile Donation Program

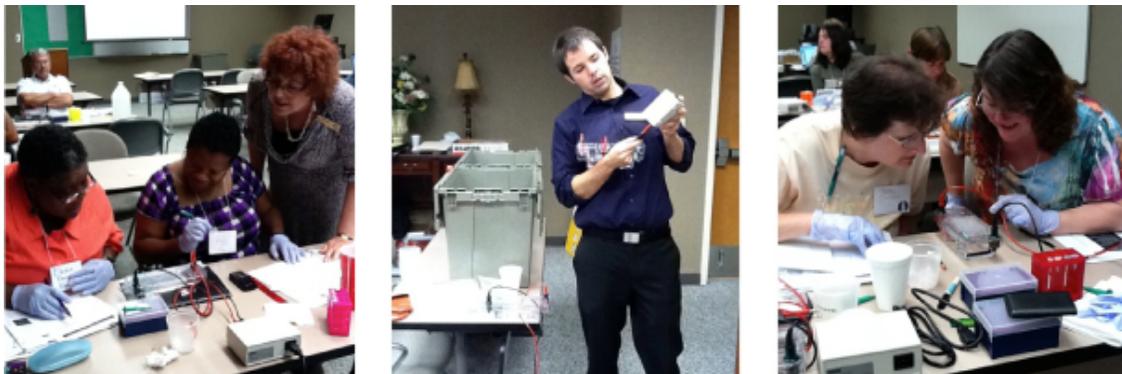
**Donate while you shop at no cost to you with Amazon Smile!** All you have to do is select the **Arkansas STEM Coalition** as your charity of choice when checking out. In order to get started, you can take the following steps:

1. Visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
3. Select your charity
4. Start shopping! Remember to check out at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to generate donations for your chosen charity. visit [smile.amazon.com/ontheho](https://smile.amazon.com/ontheho) to learn more.

**Of course, the simple act of reading these newsletters for a few minutes can promote STEM education in big ways in the long run.**  
**Thank you for your continued support of the Arkansas STEM Coalition!**

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## STEM Center Spotlight



## DELTA STEM EDUCATION CENTER

The purpose of the A-State Delta STEM Education Center is to enrich the knowledge and teaching practices of teachers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics by linking A-State to K-12 public schools, educational service cooperatives, and businesses, and providing services and resources for teachers, administrators, and students. [Learn more...](#)

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The Arkansas STEM Coalition is grateful for the wonderful [partners](#) and [sponsors](#) who help make our mission to cultivate quality education in Arkansas possible each day, and we hope to continue to elevate STEM learning, quality programs, and proactive initiatives that will benefit all youth across the map and expand the capacity and diversity of the Arkansas STEM workforce pipeline.

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## Need Resources? We have them!

With impactful transitions underway, we strive to continue providing and updating innovative and inspiring STEM resources and events for students, parents, and teachers during a time that calls for safety the most.



[On the go? Educators and families can access these helpful online resources here!](#)



[Want general resources for STEM learning and education? Visit our resources page on our website!](#)

If you would like to share more information on projects and resources we might not have, please contact [director@arkansasstemcoalition.com](mailto:director@arkansasstemcoalition.com).

**As always, thank you for helping us keep the connection strong!**

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*We hope you enjoyed the content this week! Please be sure to remember to help us stem out STEM news in our state by forwarding this email and encouraging others to sign up for our newsletters on our website home page at <https://arkansasstemcoalition.com/>*

*See you next time!*

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