STEM Outreach Activities to Inspire Future Engineers and Scientists

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Engineers and Scientists at Lockheed Martin Advanced Technology Laboratories (ATL) advance scientific discovery and technology transition in:

- Cyber
- Materials Science
- Robotics and Autonomy
- Spectrum Systems
- Data Analytics

We embrace diversity of thought and have expertise in:

- Computer Science
- Electrical Engineering
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Artificial Intelligence

*We look far into the future—envisioning transformational technologies. And while we don’t know exactly what will change the world next, we’re probably already working on it.*
Inspiring Future Engineers and Scientists

• We expose Middle School students to engineering activities to inspire them to select advanced math and science classes when they enter High School.

• Education, not natural ability, is key to careers in engineering and science.

We hope more students will pursue careers in engineering and science as a result of our outreach efforts.
Research Engineers & Scientists are ALWAYS learning!

- Passionate
- Creative
- Original
- Independent
- Attention to Detail
- Curious
- Problem Solving
- Focused
- Teamwork
ATL STEM Outreach Activities

- ATL Robotics Workshop
- Futures Fest
- Engineers in the Classroom
- USA Science and Engineering Festival

We want to expose as many students as possible to careers in engineering and science.
Robotics Workshop Program Goals

- For more than a decade, Lockheed Martin volunteers work with Middle School Students on this five-week program focusing on engineering concepts through lessons, activities and competition.

- Students are taught the fundamentals key to robotic applications and software design.

- This is a fun, fast-paced, team-driven, supportive environment.

- They enter with little to no experience and leave with a basic understanding to bolster excitement and intrigue in science and engineering careers.

We encourage teamwork, patience and having fun MORE than winning.
The competition is secondary to the workshop.
Robotics Workshop Schedule

• The program consists of four lessons and five competitive events on five consecutive Saturday mornings.

• Each week the students begin with a warm-up exercise designed to stimulate their minds to solve a problem. Then the students work in assigned four-person teams.

• At the conclusion of each session, the students are faced with a challenge that either pits them against the clock or the other teams.

• We give interesting lunchtime presentations, like teaching them Scratch programming https://scratch.mit.edu/

During the fifth week, teams apply all of the knowledge they gained about programming and sensors into a final event with tasks that involve all of the previous lessons.
3D Printing

3D printing provides a way to turn creative thoughts into reality, while simultaneously developing engineering skills in a fun way!

- 3D Printers are already changing the world!
- On-line services
  - plastic, metal, paper…
- Entering local retail market
  - Some models cost less than $500
- Public availability increasing
  - School districts
  - Local libraries
- Free on-line design tools
  - www.TinkerCAD.com
  - www.SketchUp.com
- The next generation is READY!!!
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Engineers in the Classroom

Activities anyone can teach K-12 students
• Explore this collection of hands-on activities designed for use in K-12 classrooms and informal education settings.

• Created in partnership between Lockheed Martin and National Geographic.

• Inspiring students to consider STEM-based careers.
Some of the Activities Available to Anyone

**Grades K – 4**
- How Small is Small
- Forces of Flight
- Seltzer Rocket Lab
- Wind Turbine Design and Testing

**Grades 5 – 8**
- Challenge: Robotics!
- Space Weather and Magnetism
- Nanotechnology: Using Refraction To Make Things Invisible
- **Engineering Stomp Rockets**
- Wind Energy Lab

**Grades 9 – 12**
- Nanotechnology Revolution: Graphene
- Space Weather and Solar Activity
- Exploring Newton’s Law of Motion with Bottle Rockets
- Engineering Wind

Each project contains:
- Lesson Plans to Download
- Video of how to execute activity
- Customizable PowerPoint Presentation

❖ Most of the materials for these activities are inexpensive and easy to purchase.
Activity: Engineering Stomp Rockets

How does Newton’s Third Law of Motion explain the launch of a stomp rocket? What is a projectile, and how can knowledge of Newton’s Third Law be used to improve the distance that the stomp rocket travels?

http://www.classroomengineers.org/media/engineering-stomp-rockets/

Materials for this activity:
- Two 1-foot pieces of 1/2-inch PVC
- 90° elbow connector for 1/2-inch PVC
- 2-liter soda bottle
- Poster board, cardstock, or thin cardboard (as from a cereal box)
- Scissors
- Duct tape
- Masking tape
- Safety goggles
- Measuring tape or meter stick