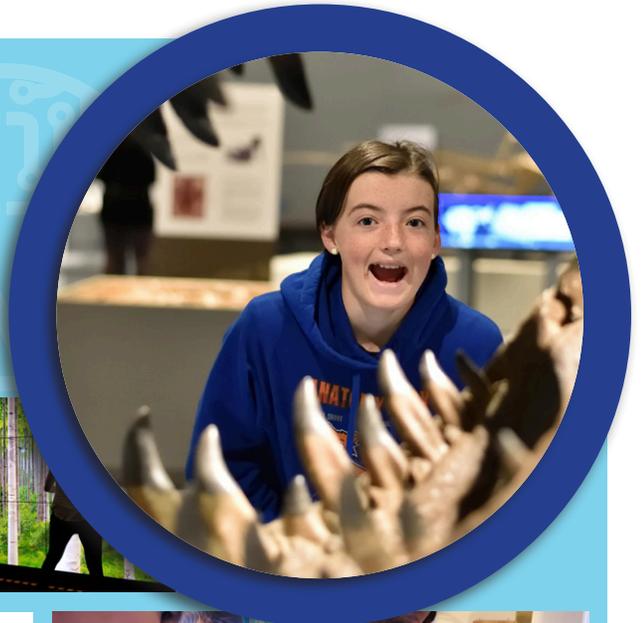
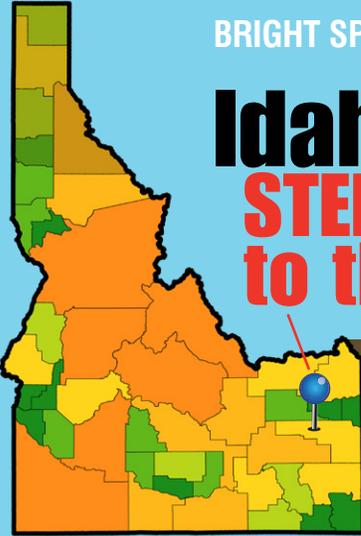


BRIGHT SPOT STEM Careers in Sight

# Idaho Falls STEM Gateway to the West



## MUSEUM OF IDAHO

Archimedes is no stranger to students in Idaho Falls and Bonneville school districts. In celebration of science, engineering and mathematics to create technology, Museum of Idaho's 2019 exhibit brought the ancient Italian pioneer scientist to life in a city still revered for its pioneering spirit.

Idaho STEM Action Center partnered with Museum of Idaho in 2019 to bring engaging, locally relevant STEM to students and the wider community. The Museum has been a critical regional contributor to Idaho STEM Action Center's Early STEM Initiative, crafting programs like the Early STEM Little Learners to connect children to the joys of hands-on learning. Curiosity at the Museum knows no bounds: from their Code Invent classes that introduce computer science to providing no-cost student access to exciting exhibits such as Darwin and Dinosaurs, Idaho Falls enjoys a world of STEM. The Museum's integrative approach to programming plays a part in local career development. Students can count on connecting with STEM professionals from Idaho National Laboratories, Aquarium of Idaho, Idaho Falls Zoo, and the regional BLM office at educational events. A thriving volunteer community through business partnerships supports annual STEM Day at the Museum, Archeology Day and Engineering Day onsite.

Museum of Idaho is an important economic contributor for the region. Over 100,000 museum visitors enjoy high-quality permanent and visiting exhibits each year, 50,000 of those from out of state. Idaho Falls is a logical waypoint for some of the four million people driving to Yellowstone. The Museum supports recruitment and retention of the highly-educated workforce that powers the region's largest employers, Idaho National Laboratories, FLUOR and others by demonstrating local commitment to community enrichment for all ages.

"We are really a front door for Idaho", says Jeff Carr, Director of PR for the Museum. Get ready, Yellowstone visitors. Museum of Idaho is launching its newest permanent exhibit, which will highlight the very best of the Gem State. Over 80,000 artifacts, with augmented reality and interactive displays will show 14,000 years of Idaho history, including pre-history, geology, a study of natural resources, industries, peoples and cultures. Visitors will understand Idaho history, stories of the region's and state's technology and innovation, and national impact story. Locals will continue pioneering their way into the future.



STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It's in these subjects that students learn the skills of critical thinking, problem-solving and collaboration— skills that translate to success in many fields. The STEM Action Center is here to support this development and provide Idaho with the talent pipeline it needs for its economy to thrive. Idaho can generate a strong, STEM-competent and competitive workforce that will make us become a prime STEM business destination.





## We build STEM through:

### EDUCATOR ACCESS

to STEM professional development  
THROUGHOUT IDAHO

**36,000**  
EDUCATOR  
INTERACTIONS

### WORKFORCE

development-focused  
partnerships with **INDUSTRY**  
and **UNIVERSITIES**

**8,000**  
STEM EDUCATION  
interactions through  
communities and  
businesses

Student  
**STEM**  
COMPETITIONS  
and camp support

**500,000**  
STUDENT  
INTERACTIONS

Today's students will be  
tomorrow's workforce,  
and STEM AC  
has been created  
to develop the  
STEM-skilled talent that  
Idaho employers need.



## Idaho Falls

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### TODAY'S EFFORTS. TOMORROW'S SUCCESSES.

Industry participation is essential for success, and we're here to help make that participation easier. We've created many ways for Idaho businesses to engage with STEM education. From mentoring and volunteering to donating and partnering, you can help move the economy forward by closing the gaps in Idaho's workforce. Let us help you help Idaho!

### LEARN MORE

To learn more about the STEM Action Center's strategies, success stories, and positive impacts in your community, email: [admin@stem.idaho.gov](mailto:admin@stem.idaho.gov).



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