Why Science Festivals?

- A series of statewide science related events held February-March
- Hundreds of venues and collaborators, thousands of attendees!
- Focused on STEM education and innovation in AZ
- Leverage and Realign Existing Assets For STEM
- Brand Arizona as a worldwide leader in STEM
Numbers at a Glance

- 450+ collaborators
- 40 Arizona Cities & Towns
- 500+ events statewide

- 325K estimated attendance
- 240 venues
- 98% visitor satisfaction (2013)
SciTech Collaborative leads to economic development

Industry

Collaboration
Civic Engagement
Community STEM Branding
Awareness of Jobs
Increased Quality of Life

Education

Community

CELEBRATE ARIZONA SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WONDERS
Science is Everywhere!

Baseball

Renaissance Festival

Ice Cream

Arts & Culture

Home Depot

Robots at Geeks Night Out

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Encourage Student Involvement with STEM

Celebrate Arizona Science and Technology Wonders
Empower Communities

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Rural Community Festivals

- **Globe –Miami STEMFest**
- **White Mountain Science Festival**
- **Yuma Reason on the River**
- **Verde Valley SciTech Festival**
- **Buckeye SciTech Festival**
- **Sahuarita SciTech Festival**
- **Payson STEMFest – May 2014**
- **Prescott SciTech Fest- New West – May 2014**
- **Innovation Nation – May 2014**

[Rural Communities Youtube Video](#)
Gila County STEMFest to offer interactive experiences, as well as demonstrations and activity booths

The Gila County STEMFest is a free community event that brings together representatives from businesses, government agencies, civic organizations, school groups, non-profits, and interested members of the community to celebrate STEM (science, technology, engineering and math).

STEMFest offers an interactive, hands-on experience that leaves lasting impressions on festival visitors regardless of their age and life experiences. With more than 40 demonstrations and fun activity booths, there is something for everyone. STEMFest brings kids face-to-face with the “magic” of science and technology, giving them the opportunity to discover just how fun – and relevant – these fields are.

Gila County School Superintendent Linda O’Dell began the county-lead STEM campaign three years ago after she was inspired by the efforts of the Arizona SciTech Festival. The Arizona SciTech Festival is a state-wide celebration of STEM that takes place every spring. The festival encompasses hundreds of STEM-related events, including expos, workshops, tours, community festivals, academic lectures, and much more. That is when the idea was born to create a STEMFest in and for Gila County.

“My initial goal was to raise awareness about the importance of STEM subjects and their relationship to the real world, especially for students, but also for parents and community members,” explains O’Dell.

“Our future depends on the young people of today,” believes O’Dell. “The world is steeped in science, technology, engineering and mathematics, and our students need a solid educational grounding to ensure a successful future for themselves – and all of us!”

This year, the Gila County Schools Office will host two STEMFests. The first will be in Globe on Saturday, March 29, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Buck Skid Growah Archaeological Park. The second STEMFest will be held in Payson on Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to noon (location TBD).

For more information on both events, call the Gila County Schools Office at 928-402-8784 or visit www.gilacountyschools.org. To find out who will be at STEMFest 2014, scan the QR code on our ad below!
Ideas in Graham County

• Chevrolet - Automotive Innovations, Technology and Safety
• El Charro – Chemistry of Capsaicin, Physiology of Tongue and Taste
• SalsaFest – Agricultural Science of Hydroponic Tomatoes
• Mt. Graham International Observatory – Astronomy and Engineering
• U of A Cooperative Extension – Technology and Farming
• Freeport-McMoRan – Mining Science, Engineering and Technology
• Mt. Graham Regional Medical Center – Biosciences and Medicine
• U.S. Forest Service – Biodiversity and the Science of the Outdoors
• Eastern Arizona College – STEM programs and Biodiversity
• Ranching – Technology of Rangeland Management and Water Sustainability
• DRG Technologies – Chemistry of Label Inks
• SunPumps – Solar Energy