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Yavapai
Exploration &
Science



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Letter from the Founder

Dear Friends of Yavapai Exploration and Science,

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with immense pride and gratitude for what we've accomplished together. Yavapai Exploration and Science (YES) was founded on the belief that curiosity has the power to change the world. Thanks to your support, that belief has taken shape, inspiring thousands of learners in our community to explore, innovate, and thrive.

This year has been a milestone in so many ways. We've reached over 4,000 individuals through engaging outreach programs in partnership with Nature Niños and the Prescott Public Library. We celebrated the joy of discovery through hands-on activities like exploring chemical reactions by melting pumpkins and diving into the engineering process by building our own candy dispensers. Together, we've fostered curiosity and creativity in fun, meaningful ways that spark a love of learning.

Our vision to cultivate a society that celebrates curiosity and innovation continues to resonate. From our mascot Riley the Robot sparking creativity through a coloring competition to welcoming homeschooling families into our new physical space, YES is growing into a hub for inspiration and exploration.

This year's accolades—being named Prescott's Best Learning Center and receiving the Prescott STEAM Teacher of the Year award—are a testament to the hard work of our dedicated team and the trust placed in us by this community. These achievements would not have been possible without the generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our passionate staff.

Looking ahead, we are thrilled by the opportunities on the horizon. New funding will enable us to expand our programs, enhance our STEAM offerings, and create even more pathways for young minds to explore their potential. Your continued involvement will be the cornerstone of this growth.

Thank you for believing in the power of curiosity and joining us on this journey. Together, we are creating a brighter future for our community, one discovery at a time.

With gratitude,
Amanda Voss
Founder, Yavapai Exploration and Science

Our Story So Far

OVERVIEW

Yavapai Exploration and Science (YES) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring curiosity, fostering critical thinking, and encouraging innovation through engaging STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) programs. Since its founding, YES has reached over 4,000 individuals, providing unique hands-on learning experiences that spark discovery and creativity.

Through partnerships with organizations like Nature Niños and the Prescott Public Library, YES offers a wide range of outreach programs, from exploring chemical reactions to engineering design challenges. With a vision to create a community where curiosity is celebrated, YES continues to expand its impact, providing accessible opportunities for families, schools, and homeschool groups to learn, explore, and grow.

As a proud recipient of the Prescott STEAM Teacher of the Year award and Prescott Now's Best Learning Center honor, YES is committed to cultivating a brighter future, one curious mind at a time.

OUR MISSION

Through interactive exhibits, hands-on activities, and immersive educational programs, Yavapai Exploration and Science inspires young minds to explore, discover, and protect the wonders of our natural world.

OUR VISION

Our vision at Yavapai Exploration and Science is to cultivate a society where curiosity is celebrated, critical thinking is encouraged, and innovation thrives.

Our 2025 Goals

In 2025, Yavapai Exploration and Science aims to expand its impact by securing a permanent location to serve as a hub for hands-on STEAM activities. We will broaden our community outreach by partnering with local organizations, and introduce in-building STEAM programs to engage children and families through interactive workshops and classes. These initiatives will help us foster curiosity, innovation, and critical thinking within the community.

1

Establish a Permanent Home for Exploration

Secure funding and finalize the purchase of a dedicated building to serve as YES's permanent location. This space will allow us to expand our outreach, host hands-on STEAM activities, and provide a central hub for our community programs, including workshops, homeschooling support, and after-school initiatives.

2

Expand Community Outreach Programs

Increase the reach of YES by partnering with at least three additional local organizations, schools, or libraries. By building on our successful collaborations with Nature Niños and the Prescott Public Library, we aim to engage more families and children with free or low-cost STEAM activities.

3

Introduce In-Building STEAM Programs

Begin hosting structured, in-building STEAM programs for children and families at our new space. These programs will include interactive workshops, multi-week classes, and themed events that provide hands-on learning opportunities in science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Our goal is to serve at least 500 participants in the first year.

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Months of servicing
Yavapai County

\$32,789.35

Raised from individual donors, corporate
foundations and grants.



21,167

Facebook Reach

2,700

Instagram Reach

4,375

Members of the
community served

1,980

Volunteer hours

12

Free community
outreach events

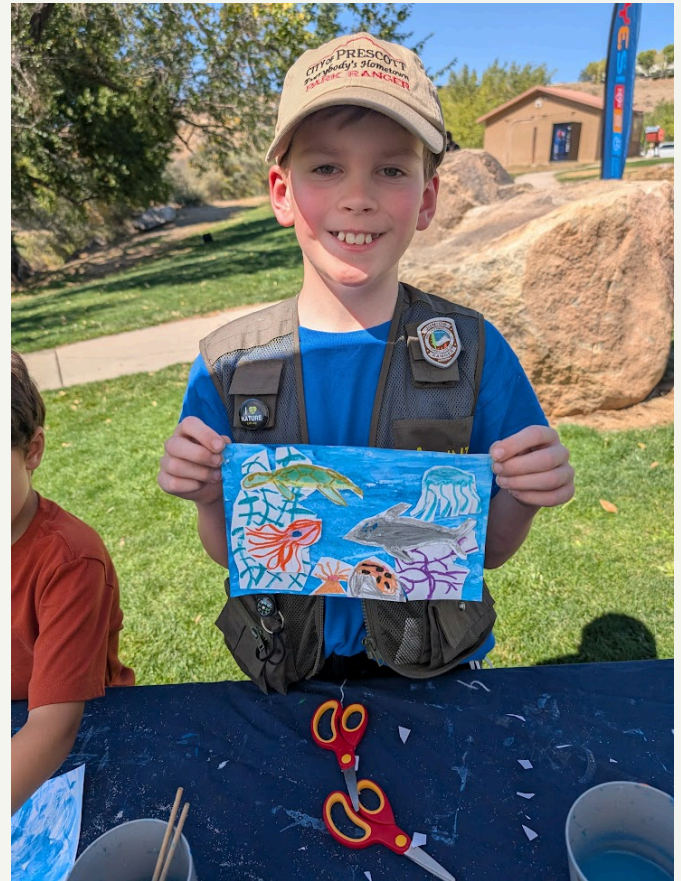
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Average outreach
event attendance



Our Programs

Yavapai Exploration and Science (YES) currently offers a variety of engaging programs designed to spark curiosity and foster learning in STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math). Our outreach efforts include hands-on activities at local schools, libraries, and community events, where we bring science experiments, engineering challenges, and creative projects to life. YES is committed to inspiring the next generation of innovators and lifelong learners.



PROJECTS	DETAILS	OUTCOME
Nature Niños	Nature Niños offers hands-on, nature-based learning experiences for children, encouraging them to explore and appreciate the natural world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gained many community partners• 877 community members served
Prescott Public Library STEAM Labs	The STEAM Labs offer hands-on, interactive workshops that explore STEAM. These free monthly sessions engage children in creative problem-solving and foster a love for learning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Positive and continued partnership with library• 34 children served
Other Programs	Fandomania Harvest Fest Wildflower Celebration Women in STEM Birthday Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3,342 community members served

Highlights & Awards

Yavapai Exploration and Science (YES) has made significant strides in 2024, marked by several key accomplishments and highlights. Amanda Voss, founder of YES, was recognized as the 2024 Prescott STEAM Teacher of the Year, a testament to her dedication to fostering curiosity and innovation in young learners. Additionally, YES was honored with the 2024 "Best of Yavapai" award in the Learning Center category by Prescott Now. Through successful community outreach partnerships with Nature Niños and Prescott Public Library, YES served over 4,000 people, providing free STEAM education programs that enriched the local community.

YES also secured several grants and individual donations to support its programming and outreach efforts, with more funding opportunities anticipated for 2025. The organization introduced Riley the Robot as its official mascot, further engaging children in STEAM education.

In addition, the Riley the Robot Coloring Competition encouraged creative participation from children in the community. These accomplishments reflect YES's ongoing commitment to accessible, hands-on STEAM education, and the organization's continued growth as an essential resource for the Prescott area.

Acknowledgements

Yavapai Exploration and Science (YES) extends our deepest gratitude to all those who have supported us in our mission to inspire curiosity and promote hands-on STEAM learning.

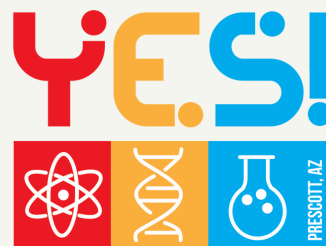
We are thankful for our valued partners, including Nature Niños, Prescott Public Library, Leave No Trace, PUSD Outdoor Learning Initiative, Prescott Junior Ranger Program, and GEM Corps. Their collaboration has helped us reach thousands of individuals through engaging and educational programs.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated board members, whose countless hours spent planning, volunteering at events, and participating in activities with their families have been key to YES's growth and success.

Lastly, we are grateful to the local businesses, schools, and community members whose continued support enables us to make a positive impact in the community. Thank you for being part of the YES journey.



We thank you for your continued support in our programs.



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