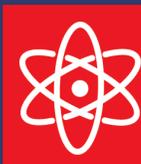


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Yavapai
Exploration &
Science



Annual Report

2025

YES!



PRESCOTT, AZ

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Letter from the Founder

2025 has been an extraordinary year for YES! Our small spark of curiosity has grown into a thriving ecosystem of learning, thanks to a community that champions our mission.

This year, we expanded our STEAM programs and deepened partnerships with the Prescott, Prescott Valley, and Chino Valley libraries, bringing hands-on exploration directly to children and families. One of our proudest milestones was launching the first YES! Explorers Challenge, empowering young learners to investigate, design, and create.

With your support, YES! reached more community members than ever, inspiring thousands of young scientists, engineers, artists, and explorers. Each moment of curiosity and creativity affirms why YES! exists.

And we're just getting started. As the need for accessible, high-quality STEAM education grows, YES! is ready to expand programming and seize new opportunities. Together, we will continue creating spaces where curiosity thrives and every child feels empowered to dream big.

Thank you for your support and for fueling this momentum. The future is bright, and we can't wait to keep exploring it with you.

With appreciation,
Amanda Voss
Founder, Yavapai Exploration and Science



A Game-Changer for Prescott's Future!

"As a local business owner and lifelong Prescott resident, I'm beyond excited about what YES! Exploration of Science is bringing to our town. This nonprofit is working hard to create a hands-on science and math discovery space for kids and families—something we've truly been missing in our community.

They've already hosted incredible educational events and STEAM-based activities that spark curiosity and make learning fun for all ages. I love that they're creating opportunities for kids to explore, tinker, and discover in ways that aren't always available in a traditional classroom setting.

A science center like this will be a total game-changer for our small town—something that supports not just education, but imagination, innovation, and community connection. I fully support YES! and hope to see their vision come to life soon. Prescott is lucky to have them."

- Tricia Fagelman

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. In 2025, YES! reached thousands of learners across Yavapai County, providing hands-on experiences that spark creativity and a love of learning.

Through partnerships with Nature Niños, Prescott Public Library, Prescott Valley Public Library, Chino Valley Public Library, Leave No Trace, PUSD Outdoor Learning Initiative, and the Prescott Junior Ranger Program, YES! delivered programs ranging from chemical reactions to engineering challenges. The organization also launched its first YES! Explorers Challenge and hosted successful fundraising events to strengthen programming and community impact.

Recognized as runner-up for Best Nonprofit in Prescott Now's Best of Yavapai 2025, YES! continues to provide accessible STEAM opportunities for families and schools, cultivating curiosity and innovation in every young explorer.

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

Cultivate a society where curiosity is celebrated, critical thinking is encouraged, and innovation thrives.

Our 2026 Goals

In 2026, Yavapai Exploration and Science will continue to expand its impact by increasing organizational capacity through strategic job creation, allowing us to enhance program delivery and community engagement. We will grow our STEAM programming to offer a wider range of hands-on learning experiences for children and families, both through outreach and on-site opportunities. Additionally, we remain committed to establishing a permanent home for exploration, a dedicated space that will serve as a vibrant hub for curiosity, innovation, and discovery within our community.

1

Increase Capacity through Job Creation

Increase capacity through job creation by adding key staff positions that support the growth of YES!'s programs and operations. These roles will strengthen our ability to deliver high-quality STEAM experiences, expand community outreach, and ensure sustainable organizational growth as demand for our services continues to rise.

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

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.

Events hosted in
the community

80

+567%

Raised from individual donors, corporate foundations,
paid programs, and grants.

\$41,776

+27%



Facebook Reach

118,000

+457%

Instagram Reach

21,350

+690%



"My two-year-old toddler absolutely loved everything about YES! We attended a Nature Ninos event and Isabella loved participating in all the activities YES! provided.

I am so happy we have educational opportunities and resources for our kids to do hands-on learning in our community. Thank you to all the volunteers who made this experience possible."

- Priscilla Rincon

Members of the
community served

11,830
+170%

Volunteer hours

4,159
+110%

Free community
outreach events

39
+225%

Average outreach
event attendance

422
+17%

"It's awesome to involve my family in fun science learning! My daughter loves going to the events and I love it when they bring the s'mores cooker box!"

- Adam Nance



Our Programs

YES! currently offers a variety of engaging programs designed to spark curiosity and foster learning in STEAM. 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	Outdoor, nature-based learning experiences for children, encouraging them to explore and appreciate the natural world.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to grow community partners • 4,086 hours in nature and off of screens • 2,043 community members served
Library STEAM Labs -Prescott -Prescott Valley -Chino Valley	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 growing partnership with local libraries • 377 children served
School Programs	Hands-on STEAM activities in classrooms, enriching learning and sparking curiosity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,383 students served • 5 schools

YES! Explorers Challenge

May 10, 2025



262

Community Attendees

\$8,610

Raised for future programs

"My daughter (8) and son (11), both excitedly participated in the YES! Explorers Challenge and loved all of the interactive stations and activities. We regularly participate in the community Nature Niños events with YES! and this experience adds to that opportunity for parents to take their kids outdoors and enjoy nature. As a parent I was happy to see them engaged in the interactive stations focused on STEAM. They began the day by checking in and getting their passport to each station, which allowed them to participate in the raffle once complete. Having the event at Prescott's Granite Creek park offered a perfect outdoor experience that included multiple family friendly organizations. Near the end of the event, they took to the skies with a real-life flight simulator brought in by True Course Simulators. We look forward to the next event and plan to make this a regular family activity."

- Sean Underhill



Highlights & Awards

Yavapai Exploration and Science (YES!) continued its momentum in 2025 with several exciting accomplishments and milestones. Amanda Voss, founder of YES!, was recognized as the runner-up for the 2025 Prescott STEAM Teacher of the Year, reflecting her ongoing dedication to inspiring curiosity and creativity in young learners. YES! was also honored as the 2nd place winner for Best Nonprofit in Prescott Now's Best of Yavapai awards, demonstrating the community's growing support and appreciation for the organization's impact.

YES! also celebrated a major achievement by winning the Rural Moonshot pitch competition, earning recognition for its innovative approach to hands-on STEAM education and securing valuable support for future growth.

This year, YES! expanded its reach through a combination of paid programs, school-based initiatives, and large community events. Revenue generated from these offerings provided essential funding that strengthened programming and supported operational growth. One of the year's biggest achievements was hosting a successful fundraising event, which brought families, partners, and supporters together to celebrate hands-on STEAM learning while helping secure resources for continued expansion.

These accomplishments reflect YES!'s strengthened presence in the community and underscore its commitment to delivering accessible, high-quality STEAM education. As YES! continues to grow, the organization remains focused on empowering young explorers and fostering a culture of curiosity throughout Yavapai County.

"YES! is the perfect addition to our small town. Having a new educational but fun organization as an option for our kiddos was so needed and we can't wait to see all that YES! has in store for Prescott and surrounding areas!"

- Amanda Simmons



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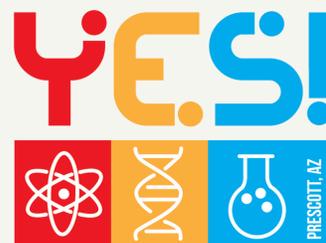
YES! extends our heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported our mission to inspire curiosity and deliver hands-on STEAM learning in 2025.

We are especially grateful to our community partners, including Nature Niños, Prescott Public Library, Prescott Valley Public Library, Chino Valley Public Library, Leave No Trace, PUSD Outdoor Learning Initiative, and Prescott Junior Ranger Program. Your collaboration has allowed us to reach thousands of learners with engaging, educational programs.

We also celebrate the success of the 2025 YES! Explorers Challenge and our fundraising events, which would not have been possible without the dedication of our volunteers, supporters, and sponsors.

A special thank you goes to our board members, whose tireless commitment, guidance, and hands-on participation at events continue to be a driving force behind YES!'s growth and impact. Finally, we are grateful to the local businesses, schools, and community members who have invested in our vision. Through sponsorships, program participation, or simply spreading the word, your support empowers YES! to continue fostering curiosity, creativity, and innovation across Yavapai County.

Thank you for being an essential part of our journey in 2025.



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