



# The Beaker

NEWS FROM THE NORCAL STEM EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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## EAT TO SUPPORT STEM!

**WOW**, September really flew by! The NorCal STEM Education Foundation has been attending events all over northern California: we've presented to groups of students, we've hosted booths at local fairs, we even had a fundraiser at Chipotle! Thank you to all of our participants who joined us for a great dinner on the 6th of September! Thank you to the organizations who invited us out to their events last month! We have such a great community of young STEM superstars, parents, teachers and leaders and we want to continue involving you all throughout the year as much as possible! We love to see you out and about at our events!

So, a new month brings new events and fundraisers! We'll be at the Smythe Academy Science Night on October 19th, and have already scheduled some presentations in classrooms around Northern California. If you'd like us to come out to **YOUR** school for a STEM

where our supporters can help us fundraise by simply buying groceries!



If you shop at Raley's, Bel Air or Nob Hill, all you have to do is sign up through your "Something Extra" number to

participate. Instructions for online sign up can be found [here](#). It's simple and takes less than 5 minutes!

The second continuous fundraiser that you can participate in to support the Foundation comes to us via Amazon Smile.

You can support the Foundation by shopping on Amazon!

All you need to do is register with Amazon Smile [here](#), then shop as you normally would via [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) instead of just amazon.com. Same shopping experience, with the added benefit of Amazon's support of the Foundation.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- October 17** - Blaze Pizza Fundraiser @ Gold River Town Centre.
- October 19** - STEM Presentation at Smythe Academy Science Night (Sacramento)
- August - November** - Foundation Presentations to interested Schools, Teachers, Organizations

## SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR!

We'd like to extend a special **THANK YOU** to our most recent sponsor for this Fiscal Year, the California Association of Professional Scientists. CAPS has sponsored the Fair since before it was run by the NorCal STEM Education Foundation, and we definitely wouldn't be where we are today without your help!



CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SCIENTISTS

We're extremely appreciative of all your organization does to help our Foundation.

## Are YOU a State Worker Who Donates Through "Our Promise" (formerly CSECC)?

The Sacramento Regional Science & Engineering Fair Foundation (dba NorCal STEM Education Foundation) hopes you will elect to donate to our organization during the Fall 2017 Campaign as a certified non-profit with Our Promise. As information is released on HOW to donate, the Foundation will share it with you!

## Sponsor STEM Education Today!

Does your organization support STEM Education? Would you like to be more involved? Then consider becoming a sponsor of the NorCal STEM Education Foundation, **today!** All sponsors receive benefits such as being featured on our website and marketing materials. **All** the money goes toward increasing student interest in STEM! It's a win-win! If you or someone you know is

Presentation, just shoot us an email at [sacstemfair@sacstemfair.org](mailto:sacstemfair@sacstemfair.org).

Our next fundraising dinner will be hosted by Blaze Pizza Gold River at 2137 Golden Center Lane in the Gold River Town Centre shopping center on October 17th from 4PM - 7PM.



Just like our other fundraisers, you will need to show this flyer in order for proceeds from your delicious dinner to benefit the Foundation. We are excited to see you there! In the meantime, check out their awesome menu: [Blaze Pizza Menu](#).

We're excited to announce our continuous fundraising efforts, too! We have been enrolled in the Raley's Extra Credit Program for some time,

Finally, our newest continuous fundraiser comes to you via Lyft! Do you ever find yourself needing a ride?



to receive a \$5 credit towards your first ride! Proceeds from your Lyft will be sent to the Foundation.

If you sign up as a first-time user with Lyft, be sure to use our code:

### SACSTEM

**It's never been easier to support STEM Education!**

interested in sponsoring the Foundation, either monetarily or with in-kind goods or services, please visit our [sponsorship page on the website](#) to learn more.

### Technovation Challenge

Teams of girls from all over the world are challenged to build a mobile app that will address a community problem. The competition is split into two divisions, Middle School (14 and under) and High School (18 and under). The top team wins \$10,000 and a trip to San Francisco. Registration opens **October 18, 2017**.

[www.technovationchallenge.org](http://www.technovationchallenge.org)

## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION FOR EXHIBITORS

### Be a part of the 2018 College & Career Expo!

The NorCal STEM Education Foundation invites local and regional partners to attend and exhibit at the College & Career Expo held concurrently with the 2018 Sacramento Regional STEM Fair! The Fair is set to be held at American River College in March.

All exhibitors are welcome - hands-on STEM showcases and exhibits are encouraged.

Exhibits are always open to the public and will be visited by the region's students, parents, teachers and more! Join us for the event - a great way to reach out and market!

The attendees will include the participating STEM Fair students, teachers and parents as well as the public - last year we saw over 1,500 people attend the C&C Expo alone!

Bring your hands-on activities and showcase your support for STEM education.

Your exhibit space will include an open-air space approximately 10' x 10' in size: you will have plenty of room to involve students and parents in your demonstrations! You can even reserve multiple exhibit spaces. Early bird booth fees are just **\$100**. Hurry and reserve your booth today, as prices go up January 1!

All exhibitors will receive a listing in the program, a feature in our newsletter, and recognition on our website. Fee waivers and/or reduced fees are available for some non-profits and state organizations.

Foundation sponsors (Bismuth and beyond) automatically receive a free exhibit space, but *still* need to register as soon as possible.

### LIMITED SPACES ARE AVAILABLE, RESERVE YOURS TODAY!

A schedule of events will be posted in the near future for exhibitors' information.

[Sign up to exhibit NOW](#)

## READY TO BE INSTAFAMOUS?

The NorCal STEM Education Foundation is on the verge of cultivating a multi-media mastery of all things social! We care about you, and want you to be recognized for the tremendous work that you do. We need hardworking students to send us photos and/or videos of you on the brink of creating something fantastic (STEM-based of course!) for a chance to be featured on our social media. This will not only give you recognition for all of the effort you put in, but will be blasted out to people and places all around the world! From students creating an artificial storm in a bottle all the way to creating a working pancreas, we want you to have your chance in the limelight!



See you online!

## WELCOME BACK!!

Welcome back to school! The school year has officially started for most of our students. We know you are so excited for this new school-year and so are we! Send us your STEM-filled summer stories and you could be included in the next issue of *The Beaker!*

Now is the time to submit your questions and request STEM Fair presentations to kick start your year! During these STEM Fair presentations, a staff member will attend your class or after school program to help with student registration for the Sacramento Regional STEM Fair. We can review what the project board requirements look like and what the day of the Fair will entail. While the student registration deadline is pushed back to February this year, but you still need to be sure to register in time to have the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) approve your experimental design. With that in mind, our first suggested registration deadline is scheduled for **NOVEMBER 28th**.

Make sure to [visit our website](#) for helpful instructions on registration, Fair information and frequently asked questions!

Get Social with us!

