



## Summer of STEM: What Happened and What's Next

Summer of STEM is a new, groundbreaking GCSC initiative that is transforming our region into a classroom without walls and creating opportunities for students to explore STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) learning and careers specifically during the summer months.

The GCSC community debriefed 2016's first-ever Summer of STEM on August 10 and drew some important conclusions!



### Worked So Well

1. [www.cincyartsandstem.org/](http://www.cincyartsandstem.org/) is an excellent resource for families and educators. Thank you, artswave.
2. Summer of STEM leverages one of Greater Cincinnati's strengths: collaboration across K12, higher education, not-for-profit, and business & industry partners. "Collective impact" rocks in our home region:
  - Connects partners with expertise they might not have on their own
  - Creates a bigger voice and initiative than any one organization could achieve on its own
3. The Summer of STEM "buzz" helped partners attract more support for their programs 😊

### Let's Do More

1. Engaging students in STEM year-round is HUGELY important. Let's use [www.cincyartsandstem.org/](http://www.cincyartsandstem.org/) year round to help families and educators plug into STEM experiences for students.
2. How might we create a vibrant regional network of STEM students, communicate earlier and more often with families and educators, attract more business volunteers, provide more transportation supports, and incent student participation and achievement in a fun and exciting way?

### Let's Go!

1. GCSC will recruit the Summer of STEM 2017 project manager.
2. Northern Kentucky University- and Thomas More-based team members will create 2017 communication materials (Cincinnati Magazine page, posters, student take-home booklets, etc).

**CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to all Summer of STEM Partners!**