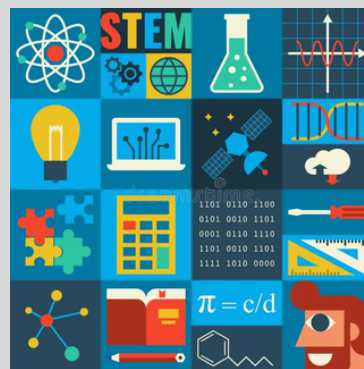




LOOK AS THESE STEM OPPORTUNITIES IN JULY

Check out these key STEM events that happen in July:

- July 1–7 (Clean Beaches Week): A great time to study environmental science, ecology, and the impact of marine pollution.
- July 4 (Independence Day): Celebrated with fireworks, which provide a perfect real-world lesson in chemistry and physics.
- July 16 (World Snake Day): A fun day to explore biology, herpetology, and reptile ecosystems.
- July 20 (International Moon Day): Commemorates the Apollo 11 moon landing. Great for teaching aerospace engineering and space exploration.
- July 22 (World Brain Day): Spotlights neurological health and advances in medical science.
- All Month (Plastic Free July): A global movement to reduce plastic waste, offering hands-on engineering challenges related to recycling and sustainable materials.



COLLECTIVE FOR YOUTH EMPOWERMENT IN STEM & SOCIETY

The Collective for Youth Empowerment in STEM & Society (CYESS) aims to elevate youth voices in conversations about solutions to societal challenges. Because many of today's societal challenges have solutions rooted in science, all young people need access to both STEM learning and civic engagement to turn that learning into action. CYESS will leverage the afterschool field's expertise in providing nurturing, supportive environments for young people, engaging STEM experiences, and opportunities for community engagement to ensure all young people have opportunities to make their voices heard and improve their communities through STEM.

ACCESS THE CYESS TOOLKIT

SCILS is housed in the SciTEC Division in the College of Education and Human Sciences at Louisiana Tech University

THIS MONTH'S RESOURCES



NSLA 2026 SUMMER PLANNING BOOTCAMP TOOLKIT

The NSLA 2026 Summer Planning Bootcamp Toolkit compiles extensive summer learning resources, including STEM Next's Career-Connected Learning Framework.

[CHECK OUT THE BOOTCAMP RESOURCES](#)

STEM NEXT RESOURCE LIBRARY

This resource library includes all of STEM Next's success stories, perspectives and latest news, as well as frameworks, activities and guides to help afterschool leaders and educators bring high-quality STEM to life.

[EXPLORE THE LIBRARY](#)

THE LOUISIANA STEM COLLABORATIVE PROJECT IS PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE NATIONAL GIRLS COLLABORATIVE PROJECT

[VISIT THE WEBSITE](#)



CONNECT + CREATE + COLLABORATE = STEM TRANSFORMATION

[NGCP ANNOUNCEMENTS](#)

BRING FARM TO SCHOOL HOME THIS SUMMER

The final school bell has rung, and summer fun is just getting started. Summer is the perfect time for kids to get outside, explore, and keep learning through hands-on experiences. From gardens and backyards to kitchens and local farms, everyday spaces can become outdoor classrooms that spark curiosity and connection to food and nature. This resource offers simple, engaging activities to help keep kids learning and exploring all summer long.

[EXPLORE THE RESOURCES](#)



THE LOUISIANA FARM TO SCHOOL PROGRAM



NEW AMERICA AFTER 3PM REPORT

Read The Summer Struggle for Everyday Families: Affording the Opportunities Parents Want for Youth, a new report based on Afterschool Alliance's America After 3PM survey. The findings highlight rising barriers to summer learning and the strong demand for high-quality summer opportunities.

[READ THE REPORT](#)