HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER

Annual Report 2024

GROWTH!

FIELD TRIPS

Designed to immerse PreK-8th grade students in NGSS science and engineering practices, sparking curiosity, interest, and confidence.

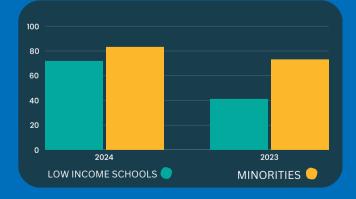
SCHOOL DISTRICTS SERVED - 19

"If you are looking for an educational and engaging field trip, this is definitely the place!"

"Students were asked open-ended questions that allowed them to think critically and make predictions."







Meet Our Team homewoodsciencecenter.org/leadership



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NEW IN 2024!



Protecting Our Natural World

Students record and interpret data to inform a solution for how to maintain good water quality and support biodiversity in a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

Sponsored by Exelon Foundation

Exelon Foundation.

Bosch Community Fund for conducting field trips 24-25



Original Films

2 Hours

2 Hands-on activities

Green Lab Notebook

Scientific Models Aquarium Ecosystems Careers



ALLEN LAPOINTE VICE PRESIDENT, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

> **PROFESSOR CATHY PFISTER, PHD** PROFESSOR OF ECOLOGY AND EVOLUTION



CHICAGO

AQUATIC ECOSYSTEM - INSTALLED SEPT 2024

MASTER TEST KIT (NO₂⁻)

0 ppm

0.25 ppm

0.50 ppm

1.0 ppr

69

MONIA 3/NH4+

0 ppm

.25 ppm

.50 ppm

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pH

7.8

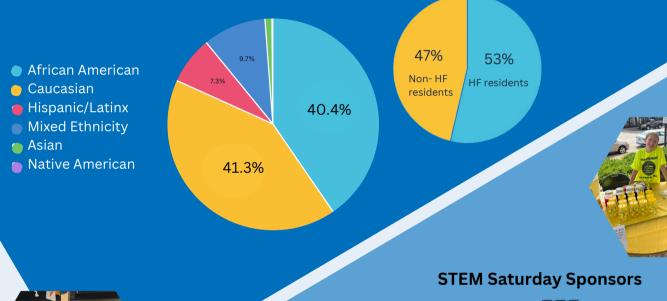
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STEM SATURDAYS







Special Presenters & Topics

MORRISON

Chicagoland

Acton Children's Business Fair **Linden Group Architects** Worldwide Day of Play **PMMI** - Manufacturing Day Aquarium Reveal with Jordan Spiders! Tiny Heroes of Nature Franken Time! Wind Tunnel Investigations with Mr. Charlie! **LEGO Robotics** demo Dober - Holiday Chemistry Fun Whiting-Turner Contracting Company Grandparents & Caring Adults Day Makey-Makey Makes Making Fun! **Eclipse Event** Eleanor Dickover - Excited for Cicadas! **OpenLands** - World Migratory Bird Day

Dawn Barksdale DVM (2) - Animals of the North Pole Cardboard Creations (2) MedUcate (3) Teaching Totes (3) - Explore Space!, Planting, Dinos! Chicagoland Food Science Foundation - The Science of Food Conservation Ecology Interns present Cicadas Forest Preserves of Cook County (9 - birds, animals skins & skulls, insects, fungi etc)

HOMEWOOD SCIENCE CENTER MIDDLE SCHOOL INTERNSHIP

CONSERVATION ECOLOGY

Project-based internship to teach young people how to manage and preserve biodiversity and natural resources.

SPRING 2024

Cicadas



FALL 2024

TOTAL INTERNS

Mushrooms



GIRLS STEAM

Events for underserved female middle school students to meet diverse professional mentors and build 21st century job skills.

STEAM CELEBRATION

April 13th, 2024

Prairie State Conference Center









49

TOTAL STUDENTS **110**

MENTORS 25

DOBER



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CHICAGO SOUTHLAND STEM NETWORK

CSSN

SPRING 2024

"Spring Into Nature"

Generation Growth screening Discover diverse range of

Learn about our Conservation

Irons Oaks programs

Ecology internship Feature Length Documentary!

GENERATION GROWTH

Platform for diverse stakeholders to collaborate on regional STEM education and workforce development.

Featured Speaker: Dr. David Purpura

Professor, Department of Human **Development and Family Science** Director of the Center for Early Learning



Mah Magic'= -, Challenge! our new exhibit, Math Magic!

Do 1 9012 with Skelly \$ Skeleta Discover 2 Television Screens Excavate 3 bones on Guacamole 4 Explore 4 STEAM Learning Spaces 5. High five a HSC Staff member!



ROBOTICS

First Robotics Team

Tech Ninja Team

Dr. Purpura's talk inspired

• Ranked 5th in their league qualifier



First LEGO Leagues

Cosmic Corals

Advanced to Regionals, and received two awards

Abyssal Dudes

- 8 students, 4 coaches Scored 200 points

SUMMER CAMPS

Engaging out-of-school STEM experiences for students in pre-K through 8th grade.



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Bosch Community Fund Cook County's Community Block **Development Grant** ComEd Green Region Enbridae **Entertainment Industry Foundation** - LiveFree999 Kinder Morgan Foundation

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WALK Corporate donations WALTON Nature Fest & Fundraiser

- Individual donations
- Organizational donations
- Earned Income
- Grants

REVENUE 2024

Village of Homewood

STEM+M Partnership

American Precision Museum Windsor, VT **Homewood Science Center** Homewood, IL SparkShop Chicago, IL



🔶 Special Thanks 🔶 Farley Family Charitable Foundation

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27%

15%

INDIVIDUAL

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