2022 Impact Report

Reaching over 95,000 learners of all ages, the 2022 COSI Science Festival marked a triumphant return to in-person activities. Through four days of events spread throughout 19 Central Ohio communities, the 2022 festival transformed every corner of our region into a learning laboratory.

95,000+ people reached
2.6 million+ impressions
19 partner communities

Community Events
May 4 – May 6
Three days of community events immersed learners in all things science. From metro parks to malls to microbreweries, community-based events popped up in locations as diverse as their participants, proving that science is everywhere and science is for everyone.

10,000 people impacted
100 total events

topics included:
- Torch Glass Working
- Virtual Reality
- Ecology
- Aviation
- Meditation
- Macroinvertebrates
- Underwater Robotics

STEM Stars

The COSI STEM Star initiative honors ordinary people doing extraordinary STEM work, highlighting the scientists who live among us and provide us with a deep connection to the community-wide spirit of the festival. STEM champions showcase exemplary work to leverage the power of science to improve the quality of life for us all, in Central Ohio and beyond.

Dr. Erandi De Silva, Co-Founder & SVP of Product Development at Forge Biologics
Sumithira Vasu, Associate Professor of Medicine, Stem Cell Therapy Lab, The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Representative Dr. Beth Liston, Doctor, State Representative for Ohio House, District 21
Jim Deprez, Ildirod’s 2022 Teacher on the Trail // Teacher at Hilliard City Schools
Aniket Vardhan, Senior Prototype Specialist for Priority Designs // Maker of The Musket V Twin Motorcycle

9,500 Learning Lunchboxes

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**BIOBLITZ**

**2,287 different species documented**

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The Big Science Celebration featured over 100 exhibitors, as the streets and parks surrounding COSI transformed into a neighborhood-wide science classroom. Booths in all directions offered dynamic experiments and demonstrations, hands-on activities, and interactive fun hosted by STEM professionals, researchers, and experts.

**join us next year May 3-6 2023**

20,435 observations through 2022 BioBlitz

97 different organizations represented

25,000 attendees

103 exhibitor booths

topics included:
- Aerospace
- Agriculture
- Aromas
- Autonomous Vehicles
- Bird Migration
- Data Management
- Ecology
- Engineering
- Entomology
- Gene Therapies
- Geology
- Horticulture
- Linguistics
- Pharmacy
- Robotics

We had the best time! The Big Science Celebration was truly WONDERFUL. We love the community engagement opportunity. 

Forge Biologics

Franklin County Recorder’s Office

The COSI Science Festival gave the Franklin County Recorder’s Office a wonderful opportunity to show off the “Science of Record Keeping” to our friends and neighbors in the Central Ohio community.

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