



# 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

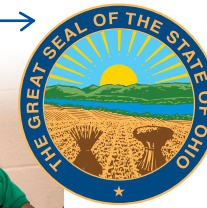
### topics included:

Torch Glass Working  
Virtual Reality  
Ecology  
Aviation  
Meditation  
Macroinvertebrates  
Underwater Robotics



Community Event at Glass Axis

support →



9,500  
COSI  
Learning Lunchboxes



In partnership with schools throughout 19 Central Ohio communities, COSI distributed 9,500 Learning Lunchboxes free of charge to under resourced learners during the festival.



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.



## 2022 STEM Stars class:

**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**, Ididrod'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





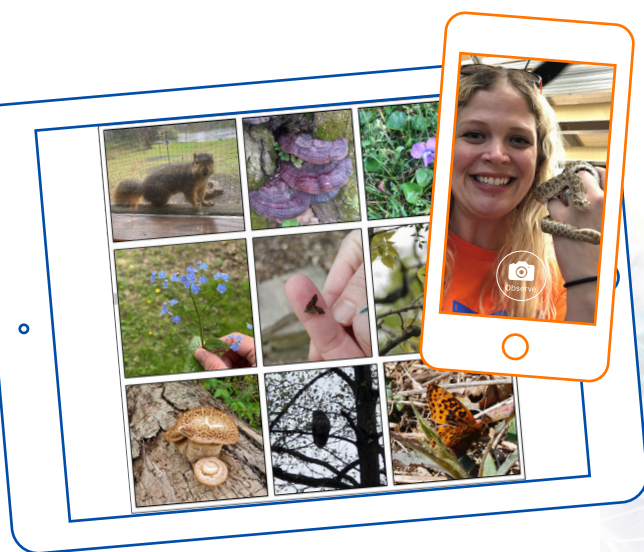
The BioBlitz gave everyone the opportunity to be a researcher. Using the iNaturalist platform, participants submitted photos of plants and animals in the wild, and all observations were made available to naturalists and researchers to better document Ohio's biodiversity and spark interest in the natural world.



**20,435**  
**observations**  
through 2022  
BioBlitz



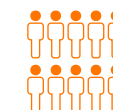
**2,287**  
**different**  
**species**  
**documented**



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.



**97** different  
**organizations**  
represented



**25,000**  
**attendees**

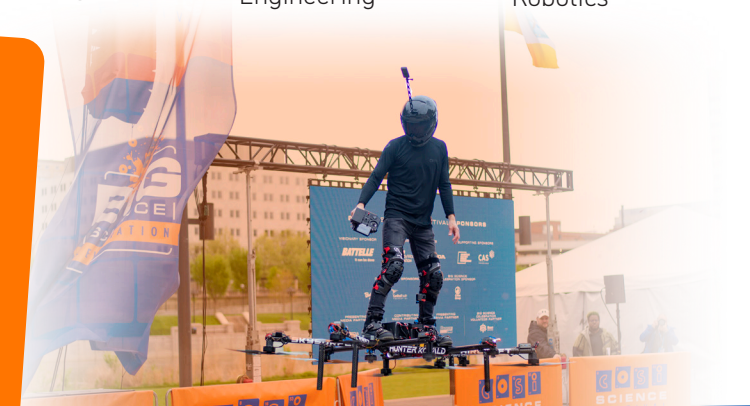


**103**  
**exhibitor**  
**booths**

#### topics included:

Aerospace	Entomology
Agriculture	Gene Therapies
Aromas	Geology
Autonomous Vehicles	Horticulture
Bird Migration	Infectious Disease
Data Management	Linguistics
Ecology	Pharmacy
Engineering	Robotics

join us  
next year  
May 3-6  
2023



## 2022 CSF sponsors:

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

**Forge Biologics**

“ 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. ”

**Franklin County Recorder's Office**

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