



SCIENCE FESTIVAL

7TH ANNUAL
APRIL 30-MAY 3, 2025

Science is everywhere, and for everyone.™

The COSI Science Festival brings science to life in communities across Ohio through hands-on events and inclusive partnerships. This annual celebration highlights how science shapes our daily lives and invites people of all ages and backgrounds to get curious, explore, and seek out answers. Everyone deserves the chance to connect with science—and experience the wonder that happens when curiosity meets discovery.



Ohio's Largest STEAM Event BY THE NUMBERS

with 24
community
partner cities
and 13,000+
attendees

159

COMMUNITY
STEAM EVENTS

7 DIFFERENT
CATEGORIES



28,000+

TOTAL FESTIVAL ATTENDEES

139

LOCAL & NATIONAL
EXHIBITORS

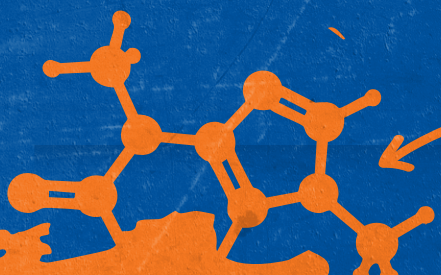
AT THE
BIG SCIENCE
CELEBRATION



112,357,002

MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

33,362 website visitors
and 17,722 social media
engagements



159 COMMUNITY EVENTS



"Bringing together business and industry partners alongside educational partners proved to be an impactful opportunity for students. A typically disengaged student was fully engaged, and even expressed interest for a future in the drone industry. Awesome!"
 – ESCCO Community STEAM Event Attendee



"The COSI Science Festival is incredible. It should be an annual vacation destination."
 – Event Attendee

Featuring 7 Different Categories:



10,099 citizen science observations of animals, plants, and fungi!



The arts were strongly represented with 27 events.



19 different events—the COSI Science Festival is for everyone!



NEW THIS YEAR!
 8 workforce development events focused on the future of STEAM careers.



Events Across 11 Counties

Science is everywhere!



139 EXHIBITORS
at the Big Science Celebration



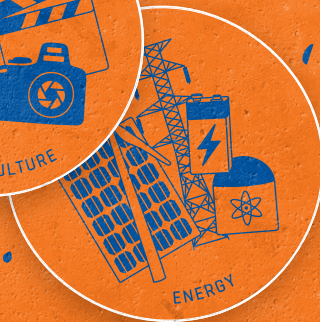
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The Big Science Celebration provides free, public access to wide-ranging STEAM experiences, an essential first step in career awareness.



The Big Science Celebration gives thousands of young people and families their first point of contact with real-world scientists, technologists, artists, and engineers.

8 career passport stamping stations encouraged guests to explore the different STEAM careers present among the exhibitors.



Survey Results:
Is the COSI Science Festival important?



hands-on learning
family bonding
community enrichment
fun enjoyment



1.32" of rain made it the wettest May 3 in Columbus history.

"Besides the weather, it was a fantastic event. All the booths had something to offer and everyone who is demonstrating and interacting with the children were excellent. Both of my kids age 10 and 12 really enjoyed their time. We had to go home to warm up and dry out, but then we came back. Everything was really well done and there was so much to see and do."

– BSC Attendee

Science is for everyone!

CELEBRATING STEAM

Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math



COSI, NASA, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Columbus Recreation and Parks Department worked together to plant a sweetgum Moon Tree sapling, one of several special trees grown from seeds that orbited the Moon aboard NASA's Artemis I mission. During the mission, these seeds traveled over 270,000 miles from Earth at speeds reaching 24,500 miles per hour.

Thank you to our generous sponsors!

STEAM

8



16

STAR

7 STEAM Stars recognized for championing STEAM in their communities



Lisa Patt-McDaniel
CEO, Aspyr

Jariatu Mansaray
Co-Founder & Executive Director, Black Tech Columbus

Andrew Lundberg
Owner & Creator, Lundberg Industrial Arts

Jasmine Walker
Columbus HUB Leader, Black Girl Environmentalist

Nichole Klatte
Calvin Gebhart
Suzanne Binou
The Friends of the Delaware County District Library



24 partner cities led 40 events and distributed over 9,300 COSI Learning Lunchboxes across the region, expanding access to science through meaningful, community-driven partnerships.

"Events like the COSI Science Festival are vital for Columbus as they inspire

curiosity and innovation,

laying the foundation for a robust **STEAM workforce**. By engaging our community in science and technology, we are investing in the **future leaders** and **problem-solvers** of our city."

— **Mayor Andrew J. Ginther**
City of Columbus, 2025 COSI Science Festival Grand Marshal

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JOIN US next year for more science fun!
April 29 - May 2, 2026