**Alaska Afterschool Network offers STEM resources to out-of-school time programs**

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Abstract: The Alaska Afterschool Network offers free STEM resources and training to educators who work with middle school students in afterschool programs.

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ANCHORAGE—The Alaska Afterschool Network is offering free science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) resources and training to educators who work with middle school students in afterschool programs. The training is engaging sites from all over the state of Alaska, with several rural communities being provided professional development opportunities they may not typically have.

The program is a combination of two efforts: Science Action Club, a hands-on STEM program from the California Academy of Sciences, and the Alaska Afterschool Network, a statewide organization dedicated to increasing afterschool and expanding learning opportunities for children, youth, and families in Alaska.

Participating educators will receive a complete Science Action Club kit featuring high-quality science equipment and classroom supplies for up to 20 youth, plus digital resources to provide opportunities to extend learning. The program focuses on hands-on learning and citizen science.

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