

Rural Educators Special Announcement:

We will occasionally send out a Special Announcement when there are events or opportunities that are time sensitive. There is an opportunity to test and contribute to the development of NASA STEM Curricula and a chance to connect with other Rural Educators at the NSTA Conference listed below.

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Calling all out-of-school-time educators teaching grades 6-8!

[PLANETS](#) is an Out-of-School Time (OST) curriculum that is NASA-funded, and focuses on planetary science and engineering.

We are looking for OST educators to Beta test PLANETS in the **Spring and Summer of 2023!**

What are the benefits for educators?

- Materials kit and digital guide (\$450 value)
- \$800-\$1200 upon conclusion of data collection
- Engage with NASA science and engineering
- Co-Create NASA Funded STEM curriculum

The Beta test will focus on educator perceptions of the curriculum and its accessibility for emergent multilingual learners, Indigenous youth, or youth experiencing differing physical and/or sensory abilities. Your expertise will help us improve materials

What you have to do:

- Attend an online orientation

learners

APPLY NOW: fill out [this application](#) by March 17th.

If you have any questions, you can contact Danielle Linthicum at danielle.linthicum@nau.edu or by phone at 928-523-0517.

Please forward this to any other out-of-school time educators you think would be interested! You can download an informational flyer [here](#).

Connect at NSTA

NASA Rural Education Group Member Matt Cass will be presenting at the [NSTA Conference on March 25th, 2023](#), and would love to meet up with other Rural Educators. If you will be there, please reach out to him at mcass@southwesterncc.edu.

Student Earth Day Presentation

- The NASA eClips Team will host students presenting Earth Day-themed webinars for families and groups of learners on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023, starting at 10:00 am (ET)**. Please sign your students up to run hands-on STEM presentations to help participants learn about Earth. [You can sign up here by March 18.](#)
- Want more educational materials? [Check out the Winter 2023 Newsletter from NASA eClipse!](#)

Enter the [Arizona ArcGIS Online Student Competition](#) and engage your students in geospatial analysis as they investigate an issue relevant to your state.

The Basics of the Arizona State Level Competition

- One adult sponsor [registers](#) his or her school/organization
- School/organization promotes the competition and supports participants in the creation of story maps or web apps that:
 - Answer an Arizona-based question,
 - Propose a solution to an Arizona-based problem, or

than 5 entries) before **May 5, 2023** or by **March 10, 2023** to receive feedback

- School/organization submits up to 5 entries to the [Arizona competition](#) by **May 5, 2023**
- AZ judges select the top 5 HS and top 5 MS (grades 4-8) entries, award \$100 to each winning entry, and enter the 10 state-level winners in the Esri national competition

Competition Resources

- [Video tutorials and more!](#)
- [Previous competition entries and winners!](#)

- Not in Arizona? No problem! [Here is a link to the National ArcGIS Online Competition site](#), where you can view a map to see if your state is participating.

Want to share an event? [Complete this form](#) to submit an event that can be posted in the April Newsletter.

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