



Science Action Club Program Eligibility

The National Girls Collaborative is excited to be hosting a Citizen Science Activity Leader Training series in New Jersey this year. Citizen Science is a partnership between scientists and the public that advances real-world research, putting youth in the driver's seat to create new knowledge, take informed action in their communities, and develop a sense of belonging in a community of science practice. We are looking for Activity Leaders to participate in this project. The Training series is FREE (grant-funded), and includes training and materials on 12 one-hour lessons for 15-20 youth.

Science Action Club is a high-impact STEM program for middle school youth in out-of-school time. Through hands-on games and projects, youth in SAC investigate their local environment and use citizen science to document discoveries, share data, and design strategies to protect our planet.

Participating programs will receive:

- Curriculum kits and guidebooks on two (2) environmental science units (outlined below), one in the fall and one in the spring. Each guidebook includes 12 one-hour club sessions. Each kit contains tools and supplies for 20 youth.
- Professional development and interactive fun through online and in-person trainings that:
 - Develop essential skills to facilitate 12 STEM activities successfully
 - Gain exclusive access to activity plans, teaching kits, and digital resources
 - Become a citizen scientist and contribute to global environmental research
 - Contribute to a thoughtful community of practice with engaged and committed colleagues.

Participating programs will be expected to:

- Ensure 1-2 staff to participate in all online (**prior** to the in-person) and in-person trainings
- Recruit 15-20 youth in grades 5-8, and maintain high attendance
- Designate appropriate indoor and outdoor space for science activities and nature investigations
- Provide reliable internet access and at least one mobile device (projectors and speakers are strongly recommended)
- Participate in the ongoing evaluation efforts through Activity Leader and youth-level surveys
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- Track attendance and submit feedback to the California Academy of Sciences

If you have any questions regarding program eligibility, please contact Mike MacEwan at Mike@MacEwanConsulting or 856-701-3960.