



# STEM Partnering

**STEM** is an initiative the Boy Scouts of America has taken on to encourage the natural curiosity of youth members and their sense of wonder about these fields through existing programs. Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) provides another vector for BSA, beyond traditional advancement, to provide exciting programs that meet our mission to prepare young people to make ethical and moral choices over their lifetimes.

From archery to welding, Scouts can't help but enjoy the wide range of STEM-related activities. To support this initiative, the BSA developed the Nova Awards program so that youth members have fun and receive recognition for their efforts.

Beyond the Nova awards, Patriots' Path Council (PPC) is infusing STEM into our programs, including 1-day focused events such as: "How does a car work?" "What is the STEM behind a gun?" "Limnology and Durham Pond" "The STEM of the Port of Newark" "Levers in our Lives"

Patriots' Path Council encompasses Sussex, Morris, Somerset, Union and parts of Middlesex Counties and has 16,000 registered youth, 5,000 volunteers and a dedicated professional staff of 50.

Patriots' Path Council is looking for partners from:

- Companies that have a STEM emphasis (research labs, engineering firms, telecoms...)
- Corporations with STEM as a community outreach program
- State, local, and federal government agencies
- STEM NGOs
- Museums
- Colleges and Universities
- K-12 schools

Partners with expertise, commitment, and resources (facilities, time, or money) can help us provide valuable STEM experiences for Scouts aged 6-20. Please join us on this exciting venture.

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