Free Lifelong Learning Education Resources, Virtual Tours and Tips

Dear Friends:

With all of us experiencing school and community facility closures, the Skagit STEM Network wanted to pass along some suggested free resources to keep lifelong learning going in fun, creative and engaging ways.

The resources below are provided as suggestions and do not imply a product or service endorsement. Check the At-Home Learning Resources page on our website for updates. And please send your ideas and resources to us here.

This is such an extraordinary and challenging time and we recognize the importance of staying connected to the community, of keeping relaxed and entertained, and in helping each other and our families.

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The Skagit STEM Network can be a game changer for our students, economy and region.

Formed in 2015 as a part of the Washington STEM program, the
We are such a strong, resilient and caring community. Together, we can do this! Stay safe, healthy and inspired.

Your Friends at the Skagit Stem Network

STEM Learning Resources

The 10 Best STEM Websites For Kids in 2020
Free links to sites, including a review of the pros and cons of each site.

STEM At Home
STEM learning tips, resources and links to websites.

Science Resources for Parents - National Science Teachers Association
Resources to help you support your child’s learning in science at home and at school.

STEAM at Home with Burlington Public Library
This video is the first in their STEAM at Home series with Librarian Jennifer. Check back for these videos every Wednesday afternoon.

STEM Resources for Parents, Students, and Teachers
Great collection of websites for kids, teachers and parents.

STEM Works - Activities
Great list of fun STEM activities.

STEM Connector Daily Newsletter
STEM News Aggregator - Who's Doing What in STEM
Brought to you by STEMconnector - sign up for this service on the website.

Learning Resources - Snohomish STEM
Terrific list of resources - particularly showcasing resources by grade level.

Network’s goal is to bring together Skagit’s schools, students, businesses, government, school districts, EDASC, and the community to help every Skagit student succeed in tomorrow’s economy.

Through leadership, advocacy, sharing best practices and leveraging resources, the Skagit STEM Network is a catalyst for innovative thinking and action.

STEM education opens doors for every Skagit student to succeed.

And it allows our students to DREAM BIG.

With your participation and support, we can help keep Skagit thriving by creating an even more amazing place to live, learn, work and play.

Our Goal
Every student succeeds. A thriving Skagit County with a terrific quality of life. An amazing place to live, work and play.

We are passionate about helping every student succeed in the 21st Century. We aim to lead the STEM charge in Washington State, and serve as a model for innovative thinking and action.

Join us and pass along the power of STEM.

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Other Educational Resources

So now you're a teacher: Educational resources to use during the coronavirus school closures - Seattle Times
Great list of list of resources that will help you keep your kids learning during the pandemic. The Times will continue to update.

Family Going Stir Crazy? These Apps, Websites and Games Could Help - Wall Street Journal
There are tech solutions for kids' complaints of boredom, things to keep them moving, playing, meditating and learning.

130+ Amazing Online Learning Resources
Here is a growing list of online learning resources. And to make it better, many companies are choosing to make their products free for schools, teachers, and students during these turbulent times.

23 fun activities to do with kids using stuff you already have at home, as you wait out coronavirus closures - Seattle Times
Some fun tips.

Experts share how to keep kids healthy, learning during coronavirus school closures - San Diego Union-Tribune
Recommendations about what parents should do when home-schooling and taking care of their kids.

Education Companies Offering Free Subscriptions due to School Closings - Kinetic West
Many education companies have made their subscriptions and resources free during the school shutdown. This list has hundreds of options for parents looking to supplement their at-home instruction.

Audible
Free books for listeners in English, Spanish, German, French, Japanese and Italian.

Virtual Tours and Field Trips

25 Amazing Virtual Field Trips for Kids-Spring 2020
No permission slips needed.

Free Virtual Field Trips
Here are free resources your family can use to take virtual field trips.
Famous Museums Offer Virtual Tours You Can Take on Your Couch
Experience the best museums from London to Seoul.

Free tours of 12 historic sites - The Washington Post
Here's a list of few places travelers can tour - without having to leave the couch.

How to virtually explore the Smithsonian from your living room - Smithsonian Magazine
While their brick-and-mortar buildings may be closed, the Smithsonian remains active in the digital sphere, making it easy for museum lovers, creatives and lifelong learners alike to experience its offerings from the comfort of their couch.

National Parks from Your Couch
See some of America’s most glorious landscapes. Powered by Google Earth, a whole bunch of parks offer free virtual tours.

Community Resources

Centralized COVID Resources
News on COVID-19 is changing quickly. Stay up to date with the most recent and accurate information with the link below, including where to find public resources, such as unemployment, health care, small business support and more.

Official WA state COVID-19 website

Skagit School Districts
Anacortes
Burlington-Edison
Concrete
Conway
La Conner
Mount Vernon
Sedro-Woolley

Libraries
Anacortes Library
Burlington Public Library
Central Skagit Sedro-Woolley Public Library
La Conner Regional Library
Mount Vernon City Library

Kids and Family Activities
Skagit Kid Insider

Wi-Fi Free For Everyone
Xfinity
Public hotspots can be found in small/medium businesses and outdoors in commercial areas. Non-Xfinity subscribers
To learn more, connect and get involved:

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