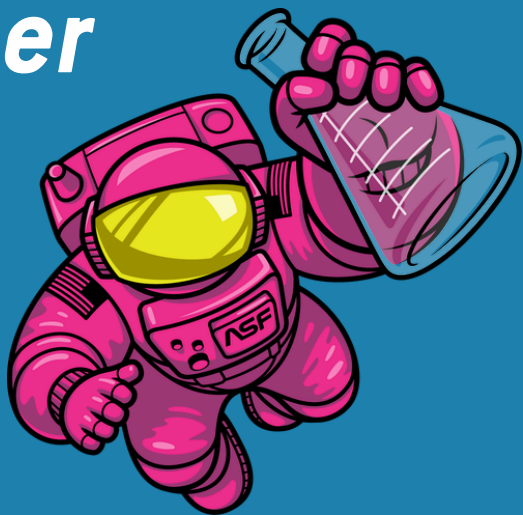




SCIENCE ATL

2026 Annual Report

Bringing people together through the wonder of SCIENCE



We envision Atlanta as a science city, where people celebrate a shared appreciation for the ways science and technology are fundamental to the health and prosperity of our community. Science ATL’s mission is to cultivate an equitable community of lifelong learners across metro Atlanta who are connected and inspired by the wonder of science.



Our 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization produces events and community-building activities to improve access to science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) learning opportunities, and to strengthen Atlanta’s STEM ecosystem.

This annual report shares our activities and impact from July 2025 through June 2026.

Building STEM Community

244 community partners working together

84% of supported schools are designated Title I and ranked high needs

165 public science events hosted across metro Atlanta

ENGAGING STEM PROFESSIONALS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

750 scientists, engineers & STEM leaders

75% from groups under-represented in STEM

2600 skilled volunteer hours

Reaching Metro Atlanta

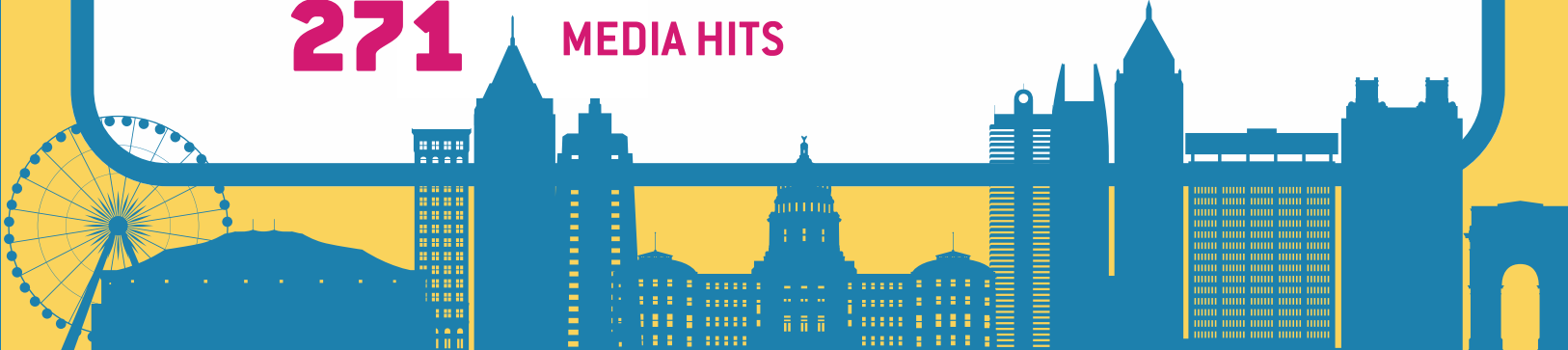
65K PEOPLE PARTICIPATED

18K STUDENTS ENGAGED THROUGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

66 ZIP CODES WITH PROGRAMMING

107K DIGITAL FOLLOWERS

271 MEDIA HITS



PUBLIC SCIENCE EVENTS

From spooky science and animal explorations to our science book club and the Atlanta Science Festival, Science ATL’s public events have highlighted the science in our city throughout the year! At our events this year, we reached 47,000+ people over the course of 165 events, each one as unique as the last. Whether they wandered through an inflatable colon (!), built and tested glider planes, or strolled through our local parks on a Nature Navigators walk, our event attendees left not only with some fun new facts, but also with a sense that science matters in their lives.

THANKS A LOT FOR YOUR
SUPPORT AND FOR SCIENCE ATL
PROGRAMMING. YOU HAVE MADE
SO MANY, MANY YOUNG ONES AND
THEIR FAMILIES STAY ENGAGED IN
LIFELONG LEARNING AND
GROWTH. THANK YOU!

- Science ATL event attendee



Future Innovators



Celebrate STEAM at Georgia Tech



Salamander Stroll



PDK Aviation Day



The Science of Cemeteries



Outdoor Odyssey

ATLANTA SCIENCE FESTIVAL™

The Festival has officially entered its teenage years! In year 13, we dove into the math of sports, learned how fires can help a forest regrow, explored ecology at our local parks, listened to data-based sonifications of lichen, and capped it all off with Atlanta’s biggest science party: the Exploration Expo! Thanks to our network of dedicated partners and enthusiastic attendees, we highlighted that Atlanta really is a science city!!



THE CHILDREN WERE SO INQUISITIVE!! IT WAS REALLY WONDERFUL TO SEE THEM SO FOCUSED AND EXCITED ABOUT THE PURSUIT OF KNOWLEDGE PURELY FOR THE SAKE OF THEIR OWN CURIOSITY.

- Volunteer at Atlanta Science Festival event

IT WAS SO FUN, AND I REALLY ENJOYED SEEING THE KIDS (AND THEIR ADULTS!) GET SO EXCITED ABOUT SCIENCE. I LOVED TEACHING EVERYONE SOMETHING NEW AND WATCHING THEM EXPLORE DURING THE EVENT!

- Volunteer at an Atlanta Science Festival event



Powered by Passion, Driven by Community

Driven by a shared sense of community, 950 passionate Science ATL volunteers united people across metro Atlanta through the wonder of science, helping lifelong learners of all ages explore STEM. Our school and youth programs and public science events thrived this year thanks to our dedicated volunteers! In 2026, our impact grew even deeper as we re-envisioned our classroom visit program to become STEM Journeys. STEM Pro volunteers expanded our outreach across 14 school districts and exposed students underrepresented in STEM to 30 different STEM fields and disciplines—including cutting-edge areas like Artificial Intelligence, Materials Science, Renewable Energy, Biomedical Science, Robotics and Neuropsychology. Whether connecting side-by-side with students and educators or keeping public events running seamlessly, Science ATL volunteers provide meaningful ways to give back and foster an inclusive, accessible science community. Along the way, our volunteers forge lasting connections, turning every shared event into a celebration of curiosity and community.



SCHOOL & YOUTH PROGRAMS

Science ATL connects students, educators, and STEM professionals through programs that expand access to STEM opportunities and strengthen students’ STEM identity and career exposure:

- **STEM Forward** - year-long school partnership to empower student leadership and enrich STEM learning
- **Science Lives Here** - school hallway exhibits of STEM professionals from underrepresented groups
- **STEM Journeys** - classroom visits by scientists and engineers

In 2025–2026, these programs reached more than 18,000 students in high need neighborhoods, helping them to see STEM as accessible, relevant, and attainable.



I HAVE SEEN EVIDENCE OF [STEM FORWARD] IMPACTS THROUGH INCREASED STUDENT ENGAGEMENT, COLLABORATION, AND CONFIDENCE DURING HANDS-ON STEM ACTIVITIES AND PROJECTS. STUDENTS ARE TAKING MORE OWNERSHIP OF THEIR LEARNING, ASKING DEEPER QUESTIONS, AND SHOWING GREATER INTEREST IN STEM CAREERS.

-STEM Forward Educator



Launching STEM Forward

Built on the learnings of past programs, STEM Forward debuted this year to smashing success. In this year-long program, STEM professional volunteers joined teams of teachers and students in 30 metro Atlanta schools to move STEM forward with projects that broaden access to STEM learning and careers for students, and build sustainable STEM programs and partnerships for schools.

STEM Forward engaged 7,100 students across more than 70 STEM experiences like building hydroponic/aquaponics systems, hosting community wide STEM nights, and monitoring a school garden by drone. These projects were generated by student and teacher ideas, and reflect the schools’ commitment to building lasting STEM cultures.



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- Greg Crafter, owner of Science ATL community partner company Produce'd

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Babb Middle School
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Forest Park High School
Forest Park Middle School
Huie Elementary School
Jonesboro High School
Michelle Obama STEM Elementary Academy
Mundys Mill High School
Mundys Mill Middle School
North Clayton Middle School

Rex Mill Middle School
Rex Mill Middle STEM School
Riverdale Middle School
Sequoyah Middle School
Unidos Dual Language School
William M. McGarrah Elementary School

Cobb County Schools
Powers Ferry Elementary School
Shallowford Falls Elementary School

DeKalb County Schools
Clarkston High School
DeKalb Arts Academy
Henderson Mill Elementary School
John Robert Lewis Elementary School
Kittredge Magnet School
Stephenson Middle School
Stone Mountain Middle School
Tucker High School
Tucker Middle School

Fulton County
Renaissance Middle School
Ridgeview Middle School

Henry County
Ola Elementary School
Pate's Creek Elementary School

Marietta City Schools
Lockheed Elementary School
Marietta High School
Marietta Sixth Grade Academy

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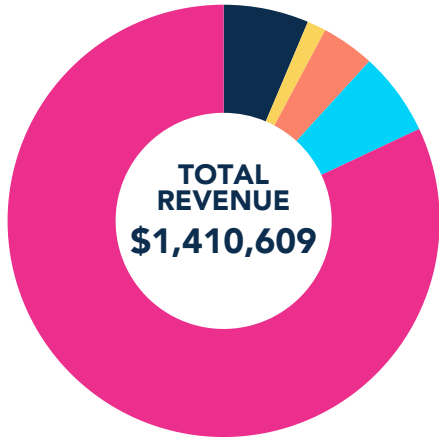
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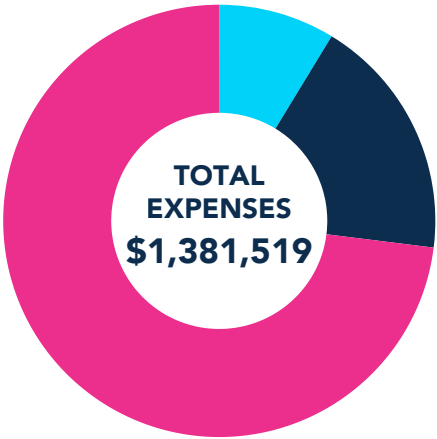
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