

2024 Educator Planning Guide



This year's Engineers Week theme—*Welcome to the Future*—is about celebrating today's achievements and paving the way for a brighter and more diverse future in engineering.

Use the tips below and our extensive library of resources to plan an amazing Engineers Week 2024.

Engage K–12 Students in Engineering

- **Do engineering activities.** Our library is filled with low-cost, hands-on activities that are all kid approved!
- <u>Tune-in to Chats with Changes Makers</u> and introduce your students to real engineers.
- **Invite an engineer or STEM professional** to visit your program.
- **<u>Participate in Future City</u>** and challenge middle and high school students to design a city that can exist 100 years in the future.
- Organize an engineering event or open house. Select four activities, staff with high school students or volunteers, and invite parents and their kids to try them out. Check out sample events.
- **Explore engineering careers.** Learn the 5 reasons to love engineering and just how much money different types of engineers make.
- Join us on social media #Eweek2024



Recommended Engineering Activities

170+ Free Activities

- Leader Notes
- Student Instructions
- Challenge Videos
- Filter by Topic, Grade, Time and Engineering Discipline

A Winch Lightens the Load

Make a model winch to haul buckets of stuff up and down without spilling any of it.





Truss Bridge

Design, build, and test a straw bridge with a truss design similar to the International Space Station.

Foil Boats

Design and build a boat from aluminum foil that holds as many pennies as possible before it sinks or capsizes.

Resources for Your Events and Programming:

T-shirts • Bookmarks • Stickers • Certificates • Social Media Graphics & Posts • Logos • <u>More!</u>



Three Easy Ways to Interest Kids in Engineering

1. Talk about engineering in a way that's appealing and aligns with their interests.

Key Messages:

- Engineering is open to everyone
- Engineering is a well-paying profession
- Engineering makes a difference in people's lives
- 2. Connect them with role models they can relate to.
- **3.** Lead students in engineering activities.

Learn more!