





ANNUAL REPORT 2020

YEAR IN REVIEW

2020 was a year like no other.

Like any responsible organization, we at TELUS World of Science – Edmonton work hard to understand the risks we face in operating a major science centre. We implement processes to mitigate those risks. Suffice it to say that prior to 2020 the word 'pandemic' did not appear in our Risk Register and continual risk analyses. It does now. But it is worth noting at the outset that the organization's ability to cope with COVID-19 was wellserved by risk mitigations put in place to meet other challenges.



popularity of the travelling exhibition, *Marvel: Universe* of Super Heroes.

All that came to a very sudden end. On Friday, March 13, the science centre closed its doors to the public. However, we ensured that we did not lose the opportunity to deliver science and serve our community. We kept the building open to the core staff team to support construction, maintenance, and animal care. Once the initial shock wore off, the entire team turned its attention to finding new ways to keep TWOSE a vital and compelling part of the community, meeting audience needs in the time of COVID. With the massive disruption created by COVID-19, we quickly modified our Strategic Plan and adopted five 'COVID-adjusted' goals:

1. Ensure Financial Stability

2. Develop and implement new forms of science delivery

3. Make progress in The Aurora Project

4. Build and maintain a strong relationship with the community

5. Maintain the health and integrity of the TWOSE team

Ensure Financial Stability

The COVID period started with layoffs, some of which turned into permanent job losses. The Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) enabled the centre to bring back most of its full-time staff and some parttime. Additional recovery programs and some nimble sponsorship and grant acquisitions allowed the centre to manage its finances while keeping most of the staff fully employed. Our net finances shrank through the year, but we were able to finish the year without having to tap into the Operating Reserve and with our science centre team largely intact, thanks mostly to CEWS.

Develop and Implement New Forms of Science Delivery

Our Education and Science teams focused on the development of on-line programs and resources for kids, parents, and teachers. The entire science centre team got involved in the production of fun science videos to animate scientists of all ages with science to explore in and around their homes and outdoors.

The first major move to an on-line experience came with our very popular program of Summer Science Camps. We collaborated with TELUS Spark in Calgary and TELUS, Inc. to move our Summer Science Camps to on-line delivery. We ultimately served about 1100 registrants through our on-line summer camps. The same approach was adopted for use with school programs, birthday parties, DIY science, science clubs, fundraising, *Science on Tap*, and much more. We also began a relationship with Northland School Division, bringing on-line content to 2200 mostly Indigenous students in 30 schools spread across Northern Alberta.

On July 4, TWOSE cautiously re-opened parts of the facility to the general public. Masks were required and capacity was controlled in order to maintain social distancing. The travelling exhibition, *The Science of Ripley's Believe It Or Not!*, which had been sitting in the dark since its installation in March, was finally available for visitors to enjoy. The IMAX Theatre, the Zeidler Dome, and the Galaxy Gift Shop were also opened with reduced capacity. This reduced science experience continued through the summer and fall.

On November 28, TWOSE closed our building to the public once again, two weeks prior to the closure mandated by the Provincial government. Closing the bricks and mortar allowed the entire team to focus on serving our audience through on-line programming. That is how the year came to a close.

Thanks to CEWS, other programs, and generous support from community stakeholders, TWOSE was able to maintain over 70 of its staff team on the payroll, all contributing to on-line science programming and to the development work required for the new galleries and functional spaces under construction.

Make Progress on The Aurora Project

With the building closed to the public for much of 2020, the major construction of Phase 4 of *The Aurora Project* was able to proceed a little more efficiently. Site preparation for the 20,000 sq. ft. expansion began in April. By December the site was ready for concrete and steel, the bulk of which was slated for install in early 2021. We initiated the Phase 4 Aurora construction with a smudge ceremony on Thursday, July 30, led by Cree Elder Tony Arcand. It was a powerful event and a truly meaningful way to express our aspirations for the future.

Build and Maintain a Strong Relationship with the Community

Regular communication with key stakeholders, particularly annual members, IMAX pass holders, sponsors, donors, and government stakeholders was essential in 2020. Managing the expectations of each of these groups while meeting our obligations to each was a continuous challenge. At the end of the year, relationships with key stakeholders remained strong. As one indicator, the number of individuals making philanthropic donations to the science centre in 2020 increased by close to 500% over 2019.

Maintain the Health and Integrity of the TWOSE team

Our team's ability to work in new ways was made far simpler by previously introduced upgrades to the networking tools available to all staff. Our internal network, the fibre link to the outside internet, and the software solutions put in place all contributed to a relatively seamless shift to working from home. Many staff still had to come to the building to work and so careful safety protocols were introduced to keep staff protected.

The staff team was surveyed on several occasions to ensure they felt that staff safety was being appropriately addressed. On-line staff meetings were held every couple of weeks, and the team continued to work in the collaborative manner that is so important for what we do.

In summary, 2020 brought the true TWOSE spirit to the forefront. The team never flagged in its commitment to serving our audience and in working together to make it happen. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Sharilee and I want to thank the entire staff for their amazing response to this crisis. The challenge has been complex and emotionally draining. The team has risen to the challenge and we are extremely proud and grateful.

We are looking forward to a return to normalcy and the day we can greet each of you in person. Take care.

Sincerely,



Alan Nursall

President and CEO TELUS World of Science – Edmonton Edmonton Space & Science Foundation



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FACEBOOK LIKES 39,689

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(ORGANIC & PAID) 13,809,319

SOCIAL MEDIA IMPRESSIONS

19,980

INSTAGRAM FOLLOWERS



OUTREACH AND VOLUNTEERS

21,333

NUMBER OF STUDENTS (ON-SITE & VIRTUAL)

162,859

ANNUAL ATTENDANCE (ON-SITE & VIRTUAL)

> NUMBER OF SCHOOLS 288

ANNUAL MEMBERS 29,490

27,099

SCHOOL PROGRAM ATTENDEES

MEMBER HOUSEHOLDS 8,543



DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT NEW FORMS OF DELIVERY

January 2020 until March 2020 the science centre welcomed guests and Members to explore the *Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes* exhibition and other galleries; take in an IMAX film or a Zeidler Dome show; or enjoy the many in person school and camp programs. On March 13, 2020 in person visits were no longer an option and the science centre found new ways to engage the community in science.



"Science Experiments You Can Try at Home" videos emerged in April 2020.



More than a dozen "Kitchen Science with AI" videos were a hit on social media.



Forty-four weekly video episodes that lived on social media and on our website followed Staff Scientist Jen Gemmell as she designed, built, and tested solutions to basic engineering questions. Maker Monday videos were sponsored by APEGA.



Nine "Science Behind the Situation" video programs of COVID-19 related interviews were launched on social media. Staff Scientists held discussions with local researchers, scientists and experts on vaccines, masks, statistical modeling, and more. Nobel Prize winner Dr. Michael Houghton was also interviewed.



Feeding Friday was an interactive Facebook Live event and was published for nine weeks with Lead Science Presenter Matthew Green. Matthew held fun 'ask and answer' sessions all about our Animal Ambassadors.



Children were excited to join us for Virtual Birthday Parties. They were piloted in September 2020 and have seen a rapid increase in bookings. Rainbow Science, Bakers vs Beakers, and School of Magic greeted up to ten children at a time to join in on the birthday and science celebrations.



Several interactive virtual programs were developed for our younger preschool audience. Four sessions of AstroTOTS and TriceraTOTS were sold out.



Science on Tap "Demystifying COVID-19 Vaccines" was held virtually on November 9. Panelists included: Dr. John Lewis, Dr. Joanne Lemieux, Dr. Robyn Harrison, and Dr. Christopher McCabe. Over 100 participants attended.



Science on Tap "Genetically Modified Food for Thought" was held virtually on December 8. More than 50 people participated in this lively discussion.



Pride in STEM week spotlighted on social media notable members of the LGBTQ+ Community who have made amazing contributions in STEM. A special event was also held virtually on November 19 with two local scientists Dr. Alison Criscitiello, Director of the Canadian Ice Core Lab, University of Alberta and Dr. Stephanie Chute-Ibsen, Graduate Student, University of Alberta.



With help from TELUS, Summer Camps received a financial boost to produce virtual content. One thousand and forty-five campers experienced programs ranging from "Coding for Video Games" to "Greetings Earthlings". Virtual program participants came from across Canada, as well as California, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Maryland, and even the Dominican Republic!



The Gift Shop was officially rebranded as the Galaxy Gift Shop. We also opened an online Galaxy Gift Shop (GalaxyGiftShop.ca) experience in August of 2020.



The Nature Exchange began a virtual program with curriculumbased online scavenger hunts that teachers and parents could do with their students, while learning from home. Thousands of online submissions were received from communities across Alberta from April through December. The Grade 3 was the most popular hunt with 66 teacher requests alone.



Several of our most popular school programs were transformed into engaging, hands-on, Virtual School Programs. In October the first programs were booked and by the end of 2020, over 1,800 students had been registered in programs.





The Galaxy Gift Shop features our very own in-house science kits (#TWOSEmade collection). These kits have been curated by staff scientists and feature some of our usual favourite onsite activities. These kits include a CuriousCITY Science Story Kit and a STEAMengine Catapult Kit.



On May 28, Zeidler Dome staff did a live virtual astronomy presentation with the students at amiskwaciy Academy. The event was a huge success and led the way to more online classroom instruction over the next few months.



"What's Up YEG?" was a Facebook Live event on topical events in astronomy and space science. One of the events even included a live Canada Day rocket launch (in the rain).



We launched virtual IMAX films for viewing from home. We partnered with Giant Screen Films to offer seven of their most popular films. We also partnered with Big and Digital to offer the film "In Saturn's Rings."



In 2020 Science Fellowships were awarded to two individuals Dr. Lauren Guillette and Dr. Abram Hindle. Guillette is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at the University of Alberta's Faculty of Science, whose research focuses on the broad interest in animal behaviour. Hindle is an Associate Professor in the Department of Computing Science at the University of Alberta, who researches software engineering.



Dr. Shawna Pandya is a scientist with many talents. She co-hosted and performed a variety of experiments during the 2020 LUMEN 'Kitchen Party' Fundraiser on October 16. Over 700 guests joined us online, we netted \$17,832 which will be used to fund educational programming and other operational needs.



On June 18, Alan Nursall, President & CEO, TELUS World of Science - Edmonton and Stacey Brotzel co-hosted our first Summer Family Fundraiser, presented by EPCOR. Pictured here, Alan and Stacy entertained our virtual guests by demonstrating how to make French fries quickly. Over 600 guests joined us online for an hour of science fun for the whole family. We netted \$15,472 which will be used to support the science centre.

BUILD AND MAINTAIN STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton is at the heart of our community and in 2020 we demonstrated our commitment to keeping Albertans supported, engaged, and connected, in science and with the science centre. These and many other projects and initiatives kept us rooted in our community and reminded us of the strength that comes from working together.



Pre-COVID, The Edmonton Oil Kings, the University of Alberta and the science centre partnered for "Hockey Hookey Day" and "Science Fun Day". These two days captivated hundreds of students and families through science demonstrations, brain teasers, and catapult challenges.



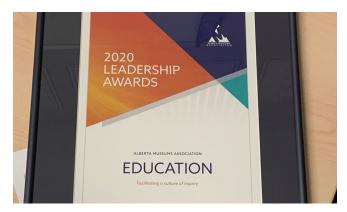
In 2020 Team Purple gathered multiple bags of warm winter clothes for the United Way's Coats for Kids & Families program.



Our 3D printers created over 1,200 ear savers that were distributed to healthcare professionals in hospitals across Edmonton. This was one small way we could support our local frontline workers.



We created a #MakerMonday video segment in collaboration with the group "Makers Making Change." This Neil Squire Society program connects makers to people with disabilities who need assistive technologies. Our video segment showcased the work of Makers Making Change and challenged our viewers to design an assistive technology of their own. The segment was promoted across North America.



We were honoured to receive the 2020 Alberta Museums Association Leadership Award for Education for our work supporting women and girls in STEM. This provincial award recognizes museums that facilitate a culture of inquiry by using innovative approaches to educational program development and delivery.



The creation of Virtual Summer Camps Powered by TELUS allowed us to keep youth in our communities engaged and connected through science. TELUS' support also funded 50 Summer Camp Scholarships including laptops and access to affordable internet.



TELUS World of Science – Edmonton was fortunate to receive the support of the EPCOR Heart + Soul Fund. This investment created two new production studios at the science centre with all the equipment we need to continue reaching our community through virtual school programs, clubs, and events.

MAINTAIN HEALTH OF THE SCIENCE CENTRE TEAM

EMPLOYEE HEALTH AND WELLNESS BECAME A STRATEGIC FOCUS IN 2020

Wellness, diversity, and inclusion are important for building a resilient organization and a vibrant workplace culture. We focused on moving this work forward in an authentic and strategic manner.

As a result of feedback from surveys, stakeholder engagement, and conversations, a wellness plan was developed for the organization. It is rooted in a holistic approach focusing on the employee, the context of the work, the home, and the organization's purpose.

Considering the ongoing pandemic we also developed and then continually improved all COVID policies for the organization. We followed Alberta Health Services protocols, as well as updates from Federal and Provincial levels of Government. All policies were then made readily available to employees. We were in constant communication with AHS to ensure we implemented the recommendations put forth.

MENTAL HEALTH WAS ALSO A STRONG FOCUS IN 2020

The science centre started implementing Mental Health Tuesdays where a variety of resources, like articles, TED talks, and mental health research are shared with staff. Staff at various levels throughout the organization were trained in First Aid Mental Health. This initiative helped build awareness and understanding so that we could identify and respond to staff mental health needs.

Upon our voluntary closure on November 28, we were able to maintain our staff team by pivoting the roles of our guest experiences staff. These team members have been taking on new responsibilities and building skills in everything from marketing and finance to donor relations and school programs.

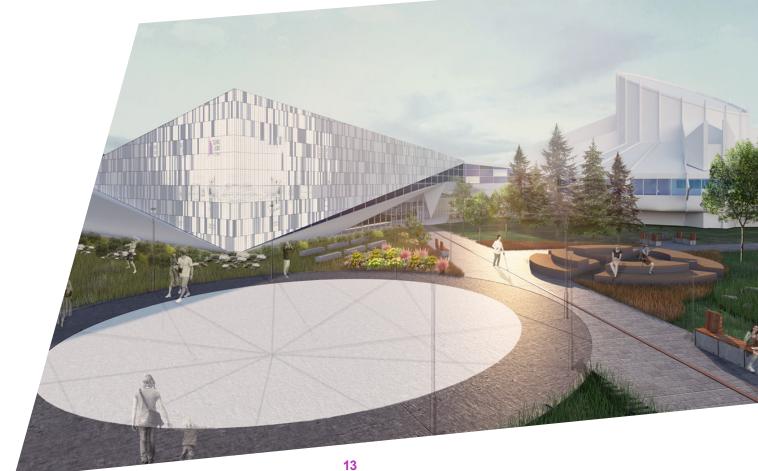
MAKE PROGRESS ON THE AURORA PROJECT

The Aurora Project is reimagining and redefining what a science centre can be through new galleries and innovative experiences. With \$40.5 million raised, and \$1 million to go, we are now looking to the community for donations that will build your new science centre.

The final phase of The Aurora Project continued in 2020 as we prepared to begin construction on the new Health Zone in the Allard Family Gallery as well as the 20,000 sq. ft. expansion and renovation of TELUS World of Science - Edmonton. Construction began in April ahead of schedule due to the closure of the science centre. This resulted in the rapid completion of a new temporary entrance and interior work prior to welcoming guests back in July 2020.

Phase 4C, the expansion and renovation of the science centre, continued through 2020 with our general contractor moving forward on the excavation of the grounds in the front of the building. Work included the redevelopment of part of our south parking lot and site preparation for the expansion structure. This represents the final phase of construction for The Aurora Project and a new era of science education in our region.

Once completed in 2021, guests will enjoy new spaces to explore, including a new entrance to an expanded lobby, a new gift shop, *Health Zone* in the Allard Family Gallery, and in 2022, The Arctic Exhibition in the Newell Family Gallery.





Because everything is within their reach! "The new *CuriousCITY* is a space where my kids feel safe to explore but also challenged to learn new things and choose their own adventure. *The Aurora Project* has changed our family and is so important because as my kids grow, so does their interest in science. The updated exhibits meet their growing excitement and intelligence. The innovative direction the science centre is moving right now is right in stride with the way families and individuals are evolving"

- Stephanie Lilley, Science Centre Member



Because Curious Minds Need Space to Explore! "My class loved experiencing two of the new galleries, *The Science Garage* and *The Nature Exchange* as a part of *The Aurora Project* renovations. You are giving children a once in a lifetime experience as you allow them to shine in a way I haven't seen before. This is what the science centre's Science School and *The Aurora Project* is doing and there is nothing like it."

- Jill Fraser, Teacher



Because the sky isn't her limit! "I thought I wasn't 'brainy' enough for science. By joining TELUS World of Science – Edmonton's Robotics Team my confidence grew, and I learned to code. The science centre completely redefined what science meant to me. I began to realize how much science was about creativity. This transformed my world and led me to where I am now as I begin my degree in the Faculty of Design. *The Aurora Project* opens so many people up to their future possibilities."

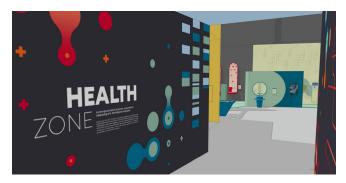
- Alexandra Bucknell, age 17, Student Lead for Science Centre Robotics Team



Eric and Kathy Newell were nominated for a National Philanthropy Day Award through the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Edmonton Chapter. This nomination was in recognition of their generous \$500,000 donation to *The Aurora Project*. In recognition of this gift and their long-term commitment towards strengthening the science centre and its mission, we will be creating the *Newell Family Gallery*. With their support the science centre is also co-creating science programming with Alberta's Indigenous communities. The Newell Family is a key part of building the next era of science education in Edmonton!



On July 31, 2020 we officially broke ground on our 20,000 sq. ft. expansion. This represents the final phase of construction for *The Aurora Project* and a new era of science education in our region. On July 30 we commemorated this milestone with a Smudge Ceremony conducted by Elder Tony Arcand from Alexander First Nation to cleanse the construction site and set good intentions for the project. This ceremony was particularly important to better represent Indigenous Peoples at the science centre.



The development of our new *Health Zone*, a new and exciting permanent exhibit gallery, started in September. This brand-new offering will provide guests with the opportunity to learn more about their own health and health choices as they interact with a variety of exhibits. A new L.A.B. (Learning About Biology) will also be part of this gallery that is scheduled to open in 2021.



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ENSURE FINANCIAL STABILITY

The Edmonton Space & **Science Foundation Statement of Financial Position**

	As at December 31		
Assets	<u>2020</u> <u>2019</u>		
Current Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Inventory Prepaid expenses and deposits	\$ 10,932,419\$ 8,099,523423,454252,99175,446183,936196,737590,36511,628,0569,126,815		
Investments Capital assets Intangible assets	31,385116,75526,245,41123,460,08352,75167,483\$ 37,957,603\$ 32,771,136		
Liabilities			
Current Accounts payable and accrued liabilities Deferred contributions Deferred admissions Deferred revenue	\$ 1,884,602 \$ 1,539,971 557,009 593,813 817,359 1,490,066 108,000 250,000 3,366,970 3,873,850		
Deferred capital contributions	30,803,29625,076,47534,170,26628,950,325		
Net Assets			
Unrestricted Internally restricted	1,210,7981,690,6392,576,5392,130,1723,787,3373,820,811		
	\$ 37,957,603 \$ 32,771,136		

Approved on behalf of the Board

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Director

The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation Statement of Operations For the year ended December 31, 2020

		2020	2019
Revenues			
Operating grants Admissions Government assistance Sponsorship and donations Retail operations Rentals, leases and other	\$	2,678,636 2,458,133 1,953,057 991,077 715,773 <u>254,523</u> 9,051,199	\$ 2,393,882 7,934,277 - 1,139,431 2,275,437 <u>731,554</u> 14,474,581
Expenditures			
Salaries and benefits Operations Royalties and film leases Utilities Retail operations Advertising and promotion Excess of revenues over expenses before Aurora Campaign and amortization	_	5,436,100 1,442,577 610,412 439,145 354,753 <u>293,471</u> 8,576,458 474,741	6,987,180 2,856,606 995,261 499,680 998,690 <u>1,188,117</u> <u>13,525,534</u>
Aurora Campaign			
Revenue Expenditures		230,291 (316,178) (85,887)	265,714 (537,146) (271,432)
Amortization			
Amortization of deferred capital contributions Amortization of capital assets and intangible assets		2,283,582 <u>(2,705,910)</u> (422,328)	2,145,736 (2,711,761) (566,025)
(Deficiency) excess of revenues over expenditures	\$	(33,474)	\$ 111,590

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Thank you for keeping science education alive in our community!

TELUS World of Science – Edmonton is grateful for the overwhelming generosity of individuals and businesses during this difficult year. In 2020, our community supported their science centre like never before with 540 first time donors and a total of 683 donors showing their support and keeping us connected to the community we serve. We also want to thank the numerous corporations that stepped up to support new virtual programs that helped us remain relevant to Edmonton and Northern Alberta.

Because of your support we provided opportunities for thousands of curious minds of all ages to build, test, and explore the world around them. As a charity, we could not have this level of impact without the support of our donors and sponsors. Thank you!

The Edmonton Space & Science Foundation gratefully acknowledges the support of the following individuals, foundations, and corporations, as well as public and private agencies that share our vision by supporting the Foundation and its programs.

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During 2020, we gratefully received almost \$200,000 in donations from community members in support of The Aurora Project - bringing us even closer to the finish line. Thank you for your support! Every donor makes a difference and allows us to continue to inspire the limitless potential of our children and future generations to come.

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2020 BE A STAR PROGRAM DONORS

A unique fundraising program where the public is invited to designate stars valued from \$50 to \$15,000 to support the programs and operations of TELUS World of Science.

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Fund Value = \$89,054

The VEGA Scholarship Program was established in 1987 through the generous support of Helen Tkachenko. This fund sponsors elementary school-aged children to attend science camps, clubs, and school programs. In 2020, 37 children received funds to participate in Virtual Summer Camps.



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Fund Value = \$21,240

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Fund Value = \$14,216

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Fund Value = \$5,604

This fund provides complimentary admission to the science centre for marginalized Edmontonians in order to reduce barriers to participation.



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Fund Value = \$21,183

This fund removes barriers for low-income schools to attend science centre programs including bussing, program registration, and other supports as required.

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"I appreciate all that you are doing in regard to this current situation that we are in. You are handling things in the best way possible and bending backwards for us pass holders! Keep up the amazing work!"

Rebecca Harrison

"This will be the first year that I won't be seeing the Christmas laser light show at @TWoSEdm I'm sad but also know that next year will be amazing when I get to go again #lovescience #yeg"

Brian Croft – Twitter

"Thank you! We will continue to be members at the Edmonton Space and Science centre for as long as we can. I have loved the place since it opened. Count on my family for continued support!"

Will – Twitter

"Your decision is very thoughtful for your patrons and staff for their health and wellness. Looking forward to re-opening day so all involved can enjoy their personal and professional experiences for "kids" of all ages."

Don Zabloski

"Just registered the oldest (6-year-old) for @TWoSEdm summer camp. Thank you for going virtual! We had talked about camp before the world went upside down & we thought he would not get the opportunity. See you (virtually) in July! #yeg #twos #science #camp #backyardfun"

VacationWishing – Twitter

"Callum loved his birthday party, and the other parents gave feedback that their kids did as well. I think it was perfect for this group. It was really nice of you to leave teams open for them to just hang out afterward too. They haven't seen very much of each other socially during the pandemic and have really missed that. It was so nice for them to just be able to chat. The kids loved it. Thanks again!" "My school is an inner-city school and it allowed them to actually observe the animals in their environment (most of which would not have noticed the animals if it weren't for this scavenger hunt)."

"I didn't realize how much my child was feeling the effects of isolation until I saw the difference this camp made. Her instructors were engaging and managed the camp well. She interacted with kids that were interested in the same things she was - which made all the difference. My child was excited to go to camp every morning, she was racing around the house and backyard laughing as she completed all the activities, and she was eager to tell all her family members about what she learned. Thank you!"

"I'm Kieran's mom from your 9 am group. I want to say thank you for a wonderful camp experience for Kieran this week. Due to a work mix up my husband and I were not able to help most of the week and he was managing solo with our babysitter. He was so proud to do the camp on his own and was sending me pictures at work of his robot. We will definitely be looking to do more camps this summer. He was really happy and excited to get up every morning this week!"

"Our school will be booking more virtual field trips! I was very impressed with how it went and how much the kids enjoyed it and learned from it!"

Anonymous

"All the people here at Amiskwaciy Academy would like to thank you for the wonderful and awe-inspiring presentation and live stream we had with you this afternoon. Frank and Joel did an amazing job in transferring their knowledge and enthusiasm about astronomy to our students and it was a thoroughly engaging and fun experience for everyone involved. Thank you so much for taking the time out of your day and earlier this week so that we could put this together for our kids."

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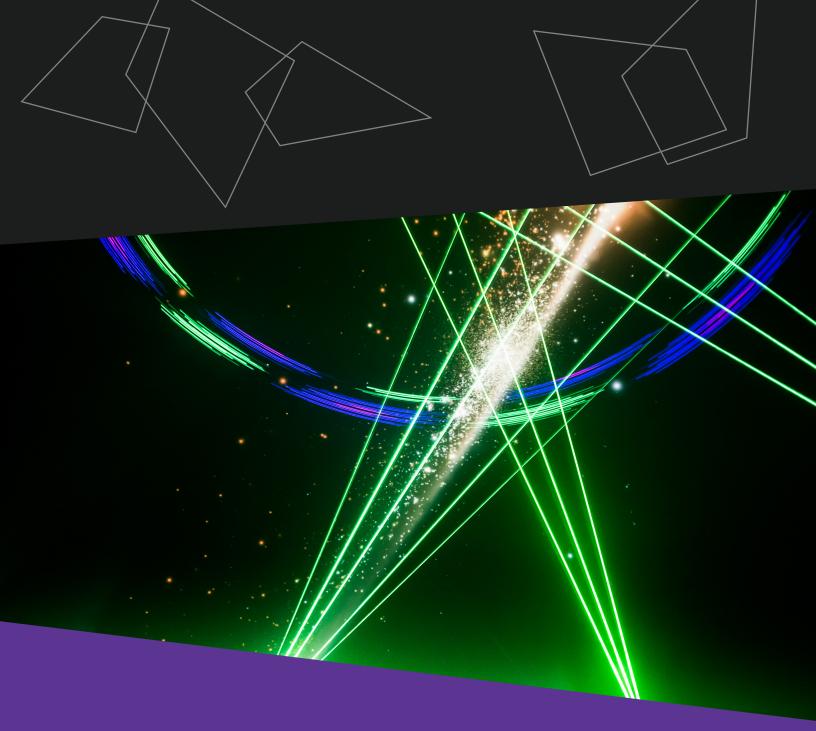
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