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APR 16-17: USA Science & Engineering Festival Promotes STEM with 3,000 Hands-on Activities, Shows and Science Celebs
Free “Super Bowl of STEM” to Draw Thousands to D.C. Convention Center

WHAT

Why did dinosaurs go extinct? Are aliens out there? What do magic tricks and hip hop have to do with math? What will be the next medical breakthrough? What does baseball have to do with physics? Explore these questions and more at the 4th [USA Science & Engineering Festival](#), with Founding and Presenting Host [Lockheed Martin](#). Designed to inspire the next generation of inventors and innovators, the Festival is a free, family-friendly expo that allows kids and adults to participate in more than 3,000 hands-on exhibits, experiments, and incredible live performances by science celebrities, explorers, astronauts, athletes, physicists, musicians, authors, inventors, and experts in fields like cryogenics, robotics, genomics, paleontology, space exploration, 3D printing and more. The Festival also features a Career Pavilion hosted by Booz Allen Hamilton. The event kicks off on April 14th with the [X-Stem Symposium](#), featuring “TED-style” talks for kids by science visionaries presented by MedImmune.

WHEN

Festival Expo: April 16-17, 2016, 10am-6pm (closes at 4pm on Sunday)

- *X-Stem Symposium: April 14*
- *Expo Sneak Peek Day hosted by Chevron: April 15*

WHO

- Hundreds of leading scientists, engineers, mathematicians, and technologists, and science-related celebrities, including:
 - Grammy Award Winning band They Might be Giants
 - Actor Wil Wheaton, Big Bang Theory
 - Sick Science’s Steve Spangler
 - Doktor Kaboom, science comedian
 - Tyraine Ragsdale (a.k.a. Grand Hank), presents the Superpowers of Hip Hop
 - “Science Bob,” teacher appearing on shows like Jimmy Kimmel Live and Dr. Oz
 - Paleontologist Scott Sampson, host of PBS Kids’ Dinosaur Train
 - Ellen Stofan, NASA chief scientist
 - Science Cheerleaders
 - Deanne Bell, Founder & CEO, Future Engineers, and Co-Host, CNBC’s Make Me a Millionaire
- More than 350,000 attendees expected over the four day event

WHERE

Walter E. Washington Convention Center, 801 Mt Vernon Place NW, D.C.

WHY

Founded by entrepreneur Larry Bock and Lockheed Martin executives to address the severe shortage in science and tech talent, the [USA Science & Engineering Festival](#) is the country's only national science festival, and was developed to increase public awareness of the importance of science and to encourage youth to pursue careers in science and engineering by celebrating science in much the same way as society celebrates Hollywood celebrities, professional athletes and pop stars.

CONTACT

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