



## Greetings from the North Carolina Science Festival!

Welcome to the team! By receiving a Duke Energy Science Night kit, you are joining the North Carolina Science Festival in celebrating and showcasing science across the state. With your help, each year, this program reaches over 10,000 students (and their families) from the mountains to the coast. We are thrilled to have so many educators deeply committed to excellence in science engagement—especially during this very unusual year.

The goal of the program is to generate enthusiasm among students and families for science, technology, engineering, and math by giving them a chance to explore STEM together—traditionally at a special school community event. Hosting a successful science night event takes planning and work. This planning guide (tested and refined with over 1000 science nights!) is designed to help.

Due to COVID-19, we recognize that it may not be safe to hold an event in April. Therefore, the 2021 activities have been designed to give you the flexibility to adapt to the operating plans that are in effect at your school. The materials for most of the activities can be sorted for individual students to use in classrooms or at home, and all the activities can be facilitated via distance learning methods. In order to help navigate the different options, we are providing several instructional webinars as part of this year's program.

All we ask is that you don't let these supplies go to waste! Please make use of the resources available in this guide and sign up for our free webinars. Don't hesitate to contact us with questions or concerns. We are here to support you! Thank you for joining the North Carolina Science Festival in our mission to engage public audiences in STEM while inspiring future generations.

Sincerely,

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