Spotlight: October 22, 2020 Lights on Afterschool

Keeping students supported, engaged, and learning is one of the most vital benefits afterschool programs can bring to their communities during COVID. The Afterschool Alliance wants to show the world all the amazing ways afterschool programs are helping to innovate and lead the movement to rethink the school day.

The Top Themes page has been updated with ideas and recommendations for delivering exciting and inspiring programming to your students, online, in-person, or in a partially-reopened setting. Fire up Zoom for an entrepreneurial pitch contest, sign up for 4-H's STEM Challenge, reach out to your town hall about lighting up a landmark in October... the sky is the limit for creativity this year!

Posters are shipping soon! This year, the Afterschool Alliance is mixing it up, using two fantastic photos from Life Pieces To Masterpieces and Breakthrough Miami. Every program to register will receive 5 copies of each poster, ready for use in windows, on community boards, and as lawn signs. Want your posters? Register your program now! Even if you are not doing a typical event, they will have new offerings and developments that all can take part in, no matter your circumstances. Visit the virtual event planning kit for ways to showcase and celebrate your program during COVID, and check out their new graphics and social media tools. Programs that register by
**State Museum Recently Launches Portal to Online Educational Resources and Activities**

The New York State Museum today launched the Portal to Online Educational Resources & Activities that brings together many of the museum’s resources, including links to the popular virtual “field trips,” digital collections, online resources, and many fun activities for kids derived from the museum’s research and collections. The Portal provides opportunities for educators, caregivers, and students looking for engaging and educational activities that can be done from home.

Click here for more information.

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**CACFP Corner: Questions and Answers for the Child Nutrition Programs during School Year 2020-2021**

This memorandum provides clarification on questions related to Child Nutrition Program operations during school year (SY) 2020-2021. (2) This memorandum applies to State agencies administering, and local organizations operating, the National School Lunch Program, School Breakfast Program, Child and Adult Care Food Program, and Summer Food Service Program in SY 2020-2021. (3) This document relates to 7 CFR Parts 210, 220, 225, and 226.

Click here for more information.

To learn more about CACFP and find out if you are eligible to be reimbursed for serving healthy suppers and snacks click here.

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**Fall 2020 BioBlitz Webinars**

Looking for a fun and safe way for youth to learn more about their area’s biodiversity? BioBlitz is the learning experience for you! Join National Geographic staff and educators for a series of free webinars for afterschool and summer time professionals that share resources on exploring biodiversity from home and within your local communities. The webinar series is supported by the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. Learn more and register at here.
**$25 Membership to Celebrate the Network’s 25th Anniversary**

To celebrate our 25th Anniversary, we are having a promotion throughout the month of September offering a 1-year individual membership for $25! This promotion is only for individual memberships purchased in the month of September. These must be new memberships, currently expired memberships, or memberships expiring in the month of September. Thank you to all you for allowing us to make it to 25 years and counting!

To purchase a membership, [click here.](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1677365388028315874&simpl=msg-f%3A16773653880375)

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**Network for Youth Success Events**

**9/2020 - 12/2020: Distance Learning**
The Distance Learning School-Age Care (SAC) Preparatory Course includes viewing recorded videos, reading, and preparing a portfolio and resource file. This class meets the education requirement to be a Site Director in New York State. *We are now enrolling for Fall 2020.*

**10/7: Fall SAC Credential Course (VIRTUAL), Capital District**
The New York State Network for Youth Success administers the New York State School Age Care (SAC) Credential, which promotes quality services to children and families by providing specific standards, training, and evaluation for afterschool professionals. You must live in the Capital Region to sign up for this course. [Click here](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1677365388028315874&simpl=msg-f%3A16773653880375) to register. For more information email asalamonepowers@cdymca.org.

**SAVE THE DATE: 4/23 & 4/24, 2021: School’s Out, Make it Count Annual Conference**
Our Annual Conference will be held on April 23rd & 24th, 2021. Be ready for two full days of trainings on a wide variety of topics, various vendors, awards, networking, and more! Stay tuned for more information.

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**Other Events**

**9/10: Serving Meals This Fall USDA Waiver Update**
On August 31, USDA announced the extension of several key waivers which will allow the continued operation of Summer Food Service Program and Seamless Summer Option through December 31, 2020. Join FRAC and representatives from USDA-FNS for this webinar to hear the latest updates on the waivers and how they will impact meal service this fall. To register, [click here.](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1677365388028315874&simpl=msg-f%3A16773653880375)

Join the Y4Y team as they dive into each step of the process for delivering high-quality social and emotional learning activities - planning, designing, implementing and assessing your efforts. The webinar will start with assessing your organization's ability to implement SEL instruction. Next up is the program design - reviewing the necessary data and conducting a needs assessment. On the third day of the series, you'll get information on how to plan activities and routines designed to improve social and emotional learning skills in students. The week will end discussing how to maintain and improve your SEL programming. To register, [click here.](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0?ik=9eab5ba277&view=pt&search=all&permthid=thread-f%3A1677365388028315874&simpl=msg-f%3A16773653880375)
9/22, 10/13, & 11/10: Million Girls Moonshot Engineering Practice Support Equity [three-webinar series]
Interested in developing professional development focused on engineering mindset in youth? Wondering how to do this in equitable ways that encourage engagement and participation of girls and other underrepresented youth? This webinar, the first in a three-part series, focuses on three core engineering practices: using a systematic problem-solving process, exploring the properties and uses of materials, and considering real-world problems. Click here for more information.

10/22: Lights on Afterschool
Take part in the 21st annual Lights on Afterschool to reflect, celebrate, and call attention to the afterschool programs that are so critical to youth and families. It’s been a hard year, and Lights On will look very different this year. There are new ways for everyone to take part. Even if you are not doing a typical event, register! There will be new offerings and developments that all can take part in, no matter your circumstances or operating status. Afterschool programs are rising to the moment to support youth and families during the pandemic — from innovative virtual programming to meals to caring for children of essential workers to wellbeing check-ins. We need to celebrate and recognize your efforts, and call attention to the importance of afterschool supports as our nation moves ahead. For more information or to register, click here.

10/16 & 10/17: Empire State Maker Faire 2020
Regional faires throughout New York State have banded together to create a virtual interactive experience! Empire State Maker Faire will share the creative work and technical know-how of all kinds of makers who share a passion for making. The event features demonstrations, performances and how-to workshops, and an online project showcase. For more information or to register, click here.

Fall 2020 (Multiple Dates): Core Body of Knowledge Virtual Training Series
Explore how the CBK is to be used as the foundation for professional preparation and development of New York’s early childhood workforce and how it fits into the broader scope of training and coaching protocols. The CBK can provide a framework for supervisors and trainers to evaluate performance of individual staff and support the planning of professional development to ensure that it is intentional and relevant to the strengths, interests, and needs of each teacher. The session will include a review of materials; small group discussions; and hands-on, interactive activities to help trainers develop meaningful professional development opportunities. To register, click here.

Fall 2020: NYS SAC Credential Courses, Harvest Professional Services, NYC
The New York State Network for Youth Success administers the New York State School Age Care (SAC) Credential, which promotes quality services to children and families by providing specific standards, training, and evaluation for afterschool professionals. These virtual sessions are being offered by Harvest Professional Services. You must live in the NYC Region to sign up for this course.
8/31 - 12/14: Fall SAC Credential Course - Session I - 10 AM - 1 PM MONDAYS (VIRTUAL), NYC
8/31 -12/14: Fall SAC Credential Course - Session I - 7 PM - 10 PM MONDAYS (VIRTUAL), NYC
9/16 - 12/9: Fall SAC Credential Course - Session II - 10 AM - 1 PM WEDNESDAYS (VIRTUAL), NYC
9/12 - 10/24: Fall SAC Credential Course - Session I - 9 AM - 4 PM SATURDAYS (VIRTUAL), NYC
10/24 - 12/12: Fall SAC Credential Course - Session II - 9 AM - 4 PM SATURDAYS (VIRTUAL), NYC
For more information or to register contact Maizelin Knowlin at harvestprofessionalservices@yahoo.com or 347-570-8047.
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For regular updated resources regarding COVID-19 check out our COVID-19 Resource Page.

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