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Start Your Engines! A New Year Ahead!

Please forward this CCSTEM News E-Blast to family, friends, neighbors, educators, students, governmental leaders and business owners and managers, as they may wish to participate in some way or attend upcoming meetings and community events. Help spread the word of energizing and fascinating STEM education outreach activities on the Central Coast. Become involved! Become a promoter and cheerleader of enhancing our children's science & math education and our nation's future!

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CCSTEM General Membership Meeting Wednesday, October 15, 2014

6:30-8:00 PM

Steynberg Gallery

1531 Monterey Street, San Luis Obispo

Come One, Come All!

CCSTEM Members and General Public

CCSTEM's next General Membership Meeting will be held on **October 15th** at the excellent [Steynberg Gallery](#) in SLO.

Learn what CCSTEM has been up to and what CCSTEM's plans are for this new school year. Network with business leaders, educators and other folks who are concerned about improving science, technology, engineering and mathematics education for our children.

There will be snacks and a no-host bar.

New Public Resources Web Page NASA Education

Please check out CCSTEM's new [NASA Education](#) Public Resources web page. You will find many excellent resources for educators, students and the general public.

HEADS-UP Educators & Students! Pay particular attention to NASA educator training opportunities and student competitions and other educational events. Scroll down this new Public Resources web page for the list of dates and education opportunities. Sometimes there are some excellent opportunities not to be missed.

"Science After Dark" Nights Are Here Again!

Back by popular demand, CCSTEM is proud to again offer another year of monthly [Science After Dark](#) events for the public. Check out the web page for event dates and locations.

We are always looking for new speakers and venues. To provide recommendations of speakers and/or venues, please contact Science After Dark Coordinator [Dawn Hinchman](#).

Common Core State Standards and Next Generation Science Standards

Central Coast public schools are actively in the process of beginning the implementation of [Common Core State Standards \(CCSS\)](#). This is going to be a very challenging, frustrating and lengthy process

taking at least several years or more. Many teachers are feeling the pressure. This will become a serious concern for caring parents. CCSTEM is working to support CCSS roll-out, especially assisting however we can in teacher training, parent education and public outreach.

For more information about CCSS in Central Coast schools, contact CCSTEM CCSS Coordinator **Patti Garrett** at **805-782-7271** at the San Luis Obispo County Office of Education.

Following on the heels of CCSS in the next several years will be implementation of [Next Generation Science Standards \(NGSS\)](#). NGSS is currently finalizing their documentation, developing teacher training and preparing for public outreach.

For more information about NGSS in Central Coast schools, contact CCSTEM NGSS Coordinator [Anne Marie Bergen](#) at **805-756-2759** at Cal Poly.

CCSTEM Membership and Web Operations

CCSTEM Membership (FREE)

The CCSTEM organization is always looking for new general members, folks who are concerned about improving STEM education for our nation's children. Membership is free. Members may join to only receive CCSTEM email bulletins, if so desired, or are welcome and encouraged to become more involved in operations, supporting working groups and helping guide CCSTEM's future direction. Signing up for membership is easy ... look at the **JOIN** information box in the upper, right corner of the [CCSTEM website](#), which directs you to the [on-line membership form](#).

CCSTEM Website Operations

Please check out the [CCSTEM website](#), especially the [Public Resources](#) pages.

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