



March 2023 Newsletter

Welcome to the X-Time newsletter for the month of March!
Learn more [summer camp updates](#), [new X-PLORE Stations](#), and [upcoming classes](#).

X-PLORE Summer Camp 2023

August Session is FULL; June Session has a few spots available!

Session One: June 5th to 9th, 9 am to 12 pm **FEW SPOTS**

Session Two: August 7th to 11th, 9 am to 12 pm **CLOSED**

There are a few spots available for the June session. Please register soon if you'd like to attend. The August session is full, and registration for that session has closed. Please email X-Time directly if you would like to be added to the Waitlist for August.

The cost per session is \$125, and scholarships are available. We will be exploring a new interest each day of the week that will keep your camper's mind and body active! Guest instructors will include University of Illinois professors, Vet Med grad students, athletes, visual and performing artists, chefs and food scientists. To learn more and register, please click [here](#).

Parent Testimonial from last summer:

"X-Time was such a wonderful experience for my sons. They loved the first session so much, they went back for the second session! The camp counselors made it a fun week for all the campers—encouraging learning, playing and messes! We can't wait to go back next year."



Partnership: X-Time and The Family Room

X-Time is looking forward to our STEM event with The Family Room

X-Time is excited to be working with The Family Room, an organization serving families with foster children. We are holding a STEM event on Saturday, April 29th, for the families. We are so grateful for the groups joining us to help make this an amazing event, including the School of Integrative Biology, the Women's Chemistry Committee, the Veterinary Medicine Department, and Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology from the University of Illinois. There will be fun hands-on activities to explore!



X-PLORE Stations Expanding

X-Time is excited to have opened four new X-PLORE Stations

This past month X-Time made mobile X-PLORE Station donations to **Norton Children's Hospital in Louisville**, **OSF Children's in Peoria**, and **Cincinnati Children's Hospital**. These mobile stations included Lego kits, Fort Boards, arts and crafts activities, and more! We hope the activities will help brighten the patients' day and spark curiosity.



X-Time was excited to partner with a community center in Chicago

X-Time worked with the JCC to open a station in a community center in West Rogers Park, Chicago. A big thank you to the JCC for all their help in creating the station. The grand opening was in March, and families were able to explore the new station and children learned the chemistry of making slime from scratch! It was so fun seeing the students eager to learn and create!



Thank you Fort Boards

X-Time is so grateful for Fort Boards continued support

Fort Boards, an award-winning national toy company, has helped make our X-PLORE Station possible, by donating packs of Fort Boards. The boards are engaging and educational! You can learn more about them here: fortboards.com

Find us at the Urbana Farmers Market this Summer

X-Time will be leading STEM activities at the Urbana Farmers Market

More information will be coming soon, including dates and time. We are looking forward to leading food and earth science activities and passing out take-home kits!



Full STEAM Ahead Program at the Martens Center

Join us for our upcoming free Full STEAM Ahead classes at the Martens Center

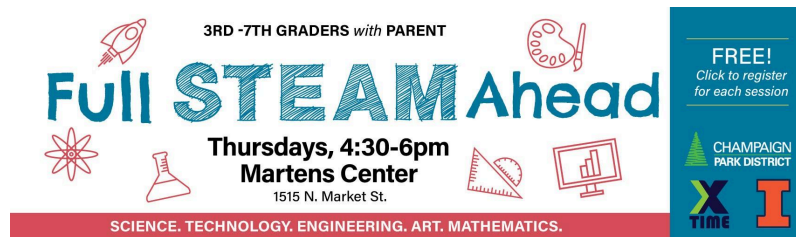
Our last class for the school year is coming up, and we are excited to continue the program over the summer. More information available soon!

Full STEAM Ahead

Thursday, April 20th, from 4:30 pm to 6 pm

Come join us for an engaging science-inspired free class led by X-Time and the University of Illinois at the Martens Center. To register, please visit:

<https://champaignparks.com/martenscenter/>



The banner features the title "Full STEAM Ahead" in large, blue, hand-drawn letters. Above it, in smaller text, is "3RD -7TH GRADERS with PARENT". Below the title, it says "Thursdays, 4:30-6pm" and "Martens Center" with the address "1515 N. Market St.". The banner is decorated with various icons: a rocket, a paint palette, a flower, a beaker, a ruler, a protractor, and a computer monitor. At the bottom, a red bar contains the text "SCIENCE. TECHNOLOGY. ENGINEERING. ART. MATHEMATICS.". On the right side, there is a blue box with the text "FREE! Click to register for each session" and the "CHAMPAIGN PARK DISTRICT" logo, which includes the "X TIME" logo.

Thank you so much for reading the X-Time Monthly Newsletter, and please reach out if you have questions. Contact us at: xtime.champaign.urbana@gmail.com