



DISCOVERY
Center of Idaho

Fiscal Year 2020
ANNUAL REPORT





A LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Resilience. Gratitude. Hope.

These three words sum up the last year at the Discovery Center, where we closed entirely from March 16th through July 6, 2020. But, throughout all of the challenges of the past fiscal year, we drew on the strengths of our visitors, staff, donors, and volunteers to find new and meaningful ways learn, grow, and celebrate science.

This is YOUR Discovery Center, and we are here for you - just as you stood by us this year. Pivoting midway through our fiscal year from a hands-on science center into a virtual museum, then reopening to the public with a touch-free exhibition and strict health and safety protocols in place, we received incredible support and gratitude from the community.

We are committed to continuing our mission to inspire lifelong interest and learning in STEM, despite the curveballs thrown at us this year, because of the unflagging support of our shared community.

You are part of the community that lifts us up on the most difficult days and ensures that, whether open or closed, online or in person, our mission never stops and curiosity never closes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Eric Miller
Executive Director

Mission and Vision

The mission of the Discovery Center is to inspire lifelong interest and learning in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). We believe learning is fun and enhances minds and lives. As Idaho's only hands-on science center, the Discovery Center creates a community that is more scientifically literate, curious and empowered to explore.

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VISITORS TO THE CENTER

68,053

visitors experienced Idaho's only hands-on science center

1,498

visitors received reduced admission through the Museums for All program for low-income and underserved individuals and families

SPECIAL EVENTS

368

Members treated to afterhours events complete with science demos and activities

1,683

"Kids at heart" engaged in four Adult Nights with lectures and activities around a specific theme



FIELD TRIP PROGRAM

73

field trips from Idaho schools visited the Discovery Center

3,922

field trip participants experienced hands-on STEM learning

\$10,280

in reduced-cost admissions were provided with over 57% of field trip participants qualifying for the highest level of support

97%

of field trip participants were served by reduced admission prices

STEM CAMPS & CLASSES

22

STEM camps offered

359

campers spent time learning with Discovery Center Camp Educators

391

participants for the Young Discoverers program



YOUR IMPACT

The Discovery Center of Idaho is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. It is because of your support that we can continue providing hands-on STEM learning opportunities for all ages.

PANDEMIC PROGRAMMING

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

- 15 Young Discoverers Programs with 5,851 views
- 2 Unboxing of Camp Kits Videos with 722 views
- 4 Dino Camp Lessons with 1,317 views



DCI@HOME BLOGS

- 12 "Ask the Expert" King Tut Blogs with 4,512 views
- 13 STEM Exploration Blogs with 4,892 views

2020 FEATURED EXHIBITION

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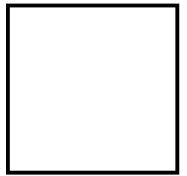
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**"Thank you for the awesome field trip experience in the midst of all of this.
My students couldn't stop talking about King Tut!"**

- Idaho Teacher, 2020 Student Voucher Program



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