



Reply to Attn of: 160

May 1, 2013

Dr. Marco Martinez, Director
Compu Campus Summer Program
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Dear Dr. Martinez:

Congratulations and welcome to NASA's Summer of Innovation! We are looking forward to collaborating with Compu Campus to inspire and engage our nation's youth in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) fields. We are familiar with the Compu Campus Summer Programs and eager to contribute our resources to its successful STEM implementation.

In January 2010, NASA Administrator Charlie Bolden announced Summer of Innovation (SoI) as NASA's response to a national need for improvement in STEM education. This project—the Summer of Innovation—was designed to improve the STEM skills and enhance the STEM engagement of American learners. SoI's vision is to advance excellence in summer and extended learning for underrepresented and underserved middle school students to inspire them toward future STEM pursuits. Summer of Innovation was piloted during the summer of 2010 and the project continues to build upon the lessons learned and best practices, and evaluation indicators resulting from implementation. SoI objectives for NASA centers and their summer camp partners are to:

- Build the capacity of community- and school-based organizations to engage underserved and underrepresented students in high-quality STEM content in summer and extended learning experiences tailored to meet local needs
- Support the infusion of NASA themes and resources in summer and extended learning
- Facilitate the alignment of summer and extended learning programming with the formal education community to support coordinated and sustained engagement in STEM content

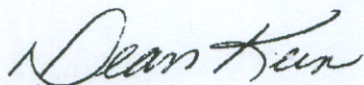
Training around NASA SoI content is recommended for implementation staff including informal educators and certified educators that lead educational delivery efforts. This content support and training is to ensure careful, effective, and accurate delivery of content tailored to meet local needs and may also improve the instructional skills of the educator. Ms. Leslie Garrison, GSFC Educator Resource Center, will be coordinating educator training for delivery of NASA SoI content.

In addition to training, each summer camp participant will be required to ensure they are meeting basic SoI requirements and reporting in a timely manner. Dr. Evelina Felicite-Maurice, GSFC Education

Specialist, will be coordinating site visits to your summer camps and collecting necessary documentation. Additional information about Summer of Innovation's guidelines and reporting requirements follows this letter.

We look forward to sharing our STEM education expertise and strengthening the ties between our Agency and the community for STEM engagement.

Sincerely,

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