# Explore Science - Earth & Space Toolkit 2019 Application

## Your Name and Organization

The National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE Net) is pleased to offer free Explore Science: Earth & Space toolkits to new and existing eligible partners located in the United States.

Please fill out this application to be considered for a 2019 Explore Science: Earth & Space toolkit designed to engage museum audiences in the United States. In collaboration with NASA, the NISE Network has assembled a new set of engaging, hands-on Earth and space science experiences with connections to science, technology, and society.

Applications for 2019 physical toolkits will be accepted through **November 1, 2018.**

A total of 350 toolkits will be awarded. Kits will be shipped in early 2019.

Before completing this application please read the toolkit application overview carefully. The overview describes the project goals, eligibility, and reporting requirements, and is available here: http://www.nisenet.org/earthspacekit-apply In addition to the physical toolkits, all digital materials will be available online for free download

Please note that it is NOT possible to save your work in the SurveyGizmo online form and return for additional edits. Reports left idle for too long will go blank when you progress to the next screen. Please plan to complete the online report in one session. You may want to write your responses in a Word doc, save, and then cut and paste that information into this report. You may download the application in PDF and Word document formats here:

http://www.nisenet.org/earthspacekit-apply

### 1) Enter the name of a contact person and a shipping address for your kit (no P.O. boxes please).

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Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### State

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Institution Website: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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#### 2) **States beginning with the letter A through L** Please confirm your organization in the pull-down selection below. Organizations are sorted alphabetically by state, then city, and organization.  If your organization is not listed, please choose "OTHER" at the bottom of the list.

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#### States beginning with the letter M through Z Please confirm your organization in the pull-down selection below. Organizations are sorted alphabetically by state, then city, and organization.  If your organization is not listed, please choose "OTHER" at the bottom of the list.

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## Organization Information

#### 3) Which best describes your organization?

( ) museum / science center / informal science education organization

( ) college / university

( ) other (please describe): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### 4)

**If your organization is a museum, please check boxes to indicate all types that apply:**

[ ] science or technology museum / science center

[ ] children's museum

[ ] art or history museum

[ ] natural history museum or nature center

[ ] emerging or developing museum

[ ] planetarium

[ ] observatory

[ ] NASA Visitor Center

[ ] other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

[ ] N/A

#### 5) ****Budget:**** What is the annual operating budget of your museum or organization?

[ ] under $250,000

[ ] $250,000 - $500,000

[ ] $500,000 - $1 million

[ ] $1 - $2.5 million

[ ] $2.5 - $6.5 million

[ ] over $6.5 million

[ ] Comment about annual operating budget (if needed): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

#### 6) ****Setting:**** Please categorize your organization's location.

[ ] urban - large city (> 250,000)

[ ] urban - mid-sized city (100,000 - 250,000)

[ ] urban - small city (< 100,000 )

[ ] suburban

[ ] rural

### 7) ****Annual On-Site Attendance:****  How many visitors does your organization reach each year ****at your facility****?

If you do not serve on-site visitors at your facility, please enter zero.  
Please enter numbers only.

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### 8) ****Annual On-Site Attendance Comments:**** Please briefly describe how your organization determines annual on-site attendance. For example, do you use ticket sales, gate entrance, program registration, visitor logs, staff estimates, or other ways to estimate? (Limit: 300 words)

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### 9) ****Annual Off-Site Attendance:**** How many visitors does your organization reach each year at locations ****outside your facility****?

If you do not serve off-site visitors or do not have an estimate for number of people served annually, please leave blank.  
Please enter numbers only.

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### 10) ****Annual Off-Site Attendance Comments:**** Please briefly describe how your organization determines annual off-site attendance. For example, do you use program registration, visitor logs, staff estimates, or other ways to estimate? (Limit: 300 words)

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## Describe your plans

### 11) ****Your Event Plans**** Briefly describe your plans for organizing events or activities during March through May 2019. Please include the type of event, location, intended audience, collaborators, and any other details you feel are important. (Limit: 300 words)

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#### 12) Audiences Please categorize the underserved audiences you hope to reach through your event(s) (please check all that apply):

[ ] racial and ethnic minorities / communities of color

[ ] American Indian / Alaska Native

[ ] girls

[ ] low-income / lower socio-ecomic status

[ ] Spanish-speaking audiences

[ ] other non-native English speakers

[ ] disabled / differently abled

[ ] rural

[ ] inner city

[ ] at-risk youth

[ ] other underserved audiences: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\*

[ ] N/A

#### 13) Using your toolkit in addition to your required event Please indicate where you might use your toolkit activities during the rest of the year (please check all that apply):

[ ] ongoing programming at our facility

[ ] collaborations with local youth service organizations  
(4-H, Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts, Girls Inc., PTA, the Y, YWCA, etc.)

[ ] family science nights

[ ] afterschool programming

[ ] special one-time events

[ ] community events

[ ] camps (e.g. summer camp, holiday camp, day camp)

[ ] library outreach

[ ] K-12 school outreach

[ ] home school programs

[ ] adult-only events

[ ] celestial events (such as star gazing, meteor showers, moon viewing, etc.)

[ ] other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\*

[ ] N/A

### 14) Plans for using your toolkit at other times during the year Briefly describe how you plan to use the toolkit or activities in other contexts in addition to the required event described above. Strong applications will include plans for using the toolkit during the rest of the year. (Limit: 300 words)

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## Toolkit use agreement

If you are selected to receive a toolkit, you are expected to:

* **Hold at least one event in March - May 2019**
* **Submit an online event report by June 15, 2019**

The NISE Network will provide a template for the event report. If you find that you cannot use the toolkit materials, you may be asked to return them or distribute them to another user.

#### 15) Do you agree to these terms?

( ) Yes

( ) No

## Toolkit application complete

### Thank you!

Your application for an Explore Science: Earth & Space toolkit is now complete. You should receive an automated email from SurveyGizmo with a PDF of your application attached; you may need to check your email spam filter for the automated email.

You will be contacted by a NISE Network representative if there are additional questions about your application. You can expect to hear about the status of your kit application in late December.

If your status changes or you have additional questions, feel free to contact us at Thai Chang, at Science Museum of Minnesota at tchang@smm.org  
  
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