PENSACOLA MESS HALL

Field Trip and Outreach Program Guide
2026-2027



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for the 2026-2027 school year.

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Details of the offered programs are subject to change.

Please refer to our webiste for the most up-to-date information.

PensacolaMESSHall.org/education/

We believe . . .

that science is for everyone
and that there are no limits to curiosity.











We take pride in serving our local school systems!

Field Trip Menu

We have hands-on math, engineering, and science activities for all elementary and middle school grade levels. Email us at groups@pensacolamesshall.org to book a program for your school or classroom.



1 TALL SCIENTIFIC TALES

Stories are science in disguise. Come see how language and science intertwine.

Grades 3-6



2 REFLECTIVE LAB

Deepen the engagement of a field trip with a facilitated workshop and three hands-on activity stations.

Grades 4-6



3 HOW TO MEASURE A SONG

Measurement is often seen as a static subject, but we are bringing it to life through the lens of music.

Grades K-2

Outreach Menu

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FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

Our most popular outreach for family engagement! We set up 10 hands-on science stations at your school with two staff members.



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FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Increase family engagement at your school with 10 hands-on math stations! Two staff members set up this experience in your gym or cafeteria.



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EYE SPY COLOR

We come to you for an assembly show focusing on color, light, and the biology of vision & perception.

Grades K-2

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WALK IN THE WATERSHED

In this assembly show, students become part of the watershed to understand the water cycle and our local environment.

Grades 3-6



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METHOD TO THE MESS

Students explore the nature of science through a show and hands-on stations at your school.

Grades 1-2



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FLY ME TO THE MOON

Blast off to the moon and back during this interactive show and stations at your school.

Grades 3-6

Grant-Funded Opportunities

These outreach programs are funded by various organizations and are available to schools based on grant specifications. Please email us at groups@pensacolamesshall.org to check eligibility.



10 BEACH & BEYOND

This interactive learning experience is focused upon our beautiful Gulf and the marine life that inhabits it. Highly rated by teachers for student engagement and alignment with standards!

Only offered for Fall 2026
Grades 3-6
Funded by the Gulf Research Project of the National Academy of Sciences.



11 WATER & MY COMMUNITY

The classroom program is comprised of four visits focusing on water, its properties, and how it affects our community. Students then identify a problem and a solution for their classroom or school through civic action.

Grades 4 & 5
Funded by the Gulf Research Project.
Includes a stipend for participating teachers.

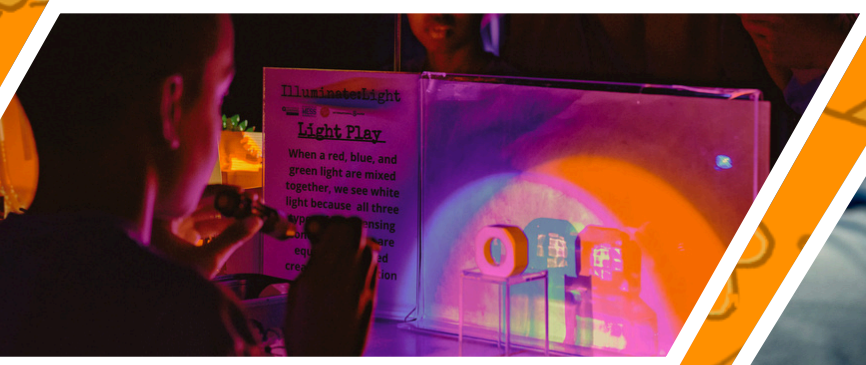


12 SIXTH SENSE

Expand the hands-on science activities for 6th grade students at the elementary school level. This multi-year project brings MESS Hall educators to your classroom with standards-aligned hands-on activities.

Funded by the Institute of Museum & Library Services.

1 Tall Scientific Tales
Field Trip





Stories are science in disguise.
For this field trip, students will explore how language is mathematical and how to communicate with symbols. They will investigate perspective and precision of communication through six hands-on stations that align with Florida state standards.

Suitable for grades 3-6.
Field trips last 1 ½ hours and typically begin at 10 AM.
Groups must depart by 11:30 AM.
Maximum number of learners = 60
$12 per student; minimum cost is $350
Chaperones: 1 adult for every 10 students in grades 3+



ACTIVITY STATIONS

Animation Station
Sort It Out
My Shadow
Probability Poetry
Keva Storyboard
Program A Friend

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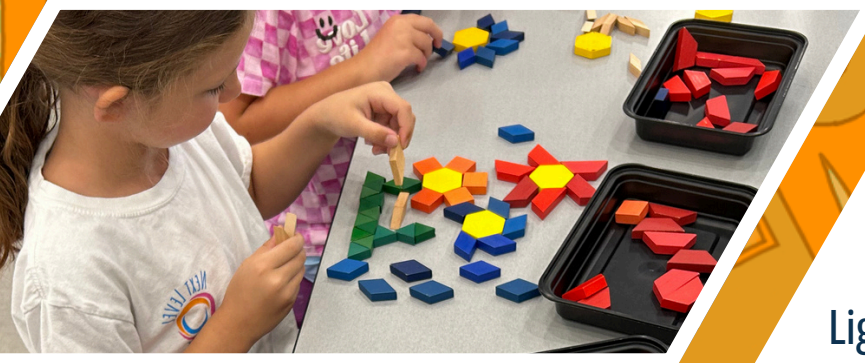
Reflective Lab
Field Trip





The Reflective Lab is an all hands-on field trip to the MESS Hall enhanced by a 40 minute workshop & three activity stations Participants use models to plumb the depths of the Gulf and create a report using color for use by a government agency. The activity stations are explored either before or after the workshop.

Suitable for grades 4-6.
Enhanced field trips begin at 10 AM and last 1 ½ hours.
Groups must depart by 11:30 AM.
Maximum of 50 students
Limit 1 chaperone for every 10 students
$14 per student; minimum cost is $400



WORKSHOP

Mapping with Color

This workshop integrates science, math, and mapping skills that can be applied in a real world situation.

ACTIVITY STATIONS

Shape, Color, Texture
Illusions & Afterimages
Light & Shadows

NEW

3 How to Measure a Song
Field Trip





Measurement is often seen as a static subject, but the Pensacola MESS Hall is bringing it to life through the lens of music. This field trip is designed for students in K-2 to address core standards in math and science—including length, liquid volume, and data analysis—through creative problem solving.

Suitable for grades K*-2.
Field trips start at 10am and last for 1 ½ hours
Groups must depart by 11:30 AM
Maximum of 60 students
Limit 1 chaperone for every 5 students
$13 per student; minimum cost is $350
*Kindergarten field trips available Spring semester



ACTIVITY STATIONS

Pendulum Swings
Wave Tube and Ear Gongs
One Mississippi and Reaction Time
Estimating Volume
Shake It Up
Measure Up

4 Family Science Night Outreach





The MESS Hall brings the science museum to you with activities that are great for the whole family!

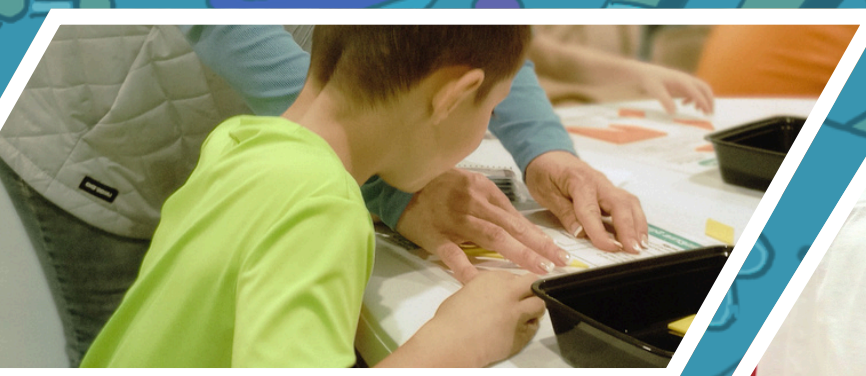
Family Science Night is a hands-on educational event designed with students and families in mind. These events provide an opportunity for families to collaborate and explore a variety of interactive science activities that are aligned with educational standards — bringing parents and caregivers further into the progress of their student's learning.



Main Attraction Two staff members set up 10 stations in your designated area, typically a gym or cafeteria. MESS Hall staff stays the whole evening to guide the event and pack up station materials at the end. **Fee: $550**

Science Station Add-On Want to add more hands on science activities to your community event? You can request our mini menu with 5 additional exploration stations. Perfect for book fair nights! **Fee: $350**

5 Family Math Night Outreach





A new pattern for family engagement nights. The MESS Hall comes to your school and sets up all hands-on math stations!

Family Math Night is just like our popular Family Science Nights, but with a math twist. It's a fun, hands-on event where students & their families explore math together through games, puzzles, and creative challenges. We'll set up 10 interactive stations focused on key math skills like measurement, patterns, geometry, and problem-solving. Each station is designed for all ages, so students, siblings, and parents can all join in and have fun learning together.



What's Included:

MESS Hall staff will setup up all materials and signage for 10 stations. They will stay the whole evening to guide the event and pack up materials at the end. We ensure our activities are aligned with standards that support classroom learning.

The cost for the 2026–2027 school year is $475.
This is a special introductory price since it's a new program.

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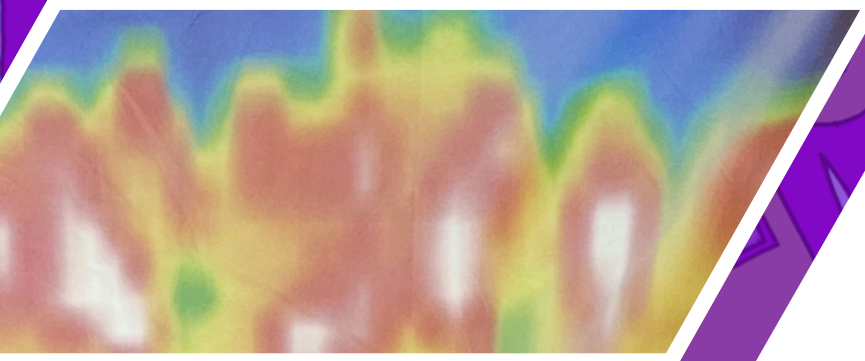
Eye Spy Color
Assembly Show





Our dynamic outreach educators bring entertaining science, light, and color demonstrations to your school assembly space. This 45-minute show will increase your students' curiosity for the world around them.

Eye Spy Color is an assembly science participatory show that's great for grades K-2. Join our facilitators for a journey through color perception. Your students will experience after images, color mixing (without the mess of paint), color illusions, and the Stroop effect. This offering includes a take home sheet to extend the learning.



COST & DETAILS

The MESS Hall provides two outreach educators and all the props needed for a science show in your assembly area along with a take-away hands-on activity for use in the classroom or at home.

$350 for one show. $150 for each additional show.

7 Walk in the Watershed Assembly Show





Bring an entertaining participatory science and the dramatic arts to your school with this 45-minute show about our local watershed & its inhabitants!

Walk in the Watershed is an assembly science participatory show great for third through sixth grades. Written with guidance from the Pensacola & Perdido Bays Estuary Program, this show allows students to become both the habitats and the animals of our watershed. Along the way, they learn the properties of the habitats and how humans impact our part of Florida.



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8 Method to the MESS
Show & Stations





Method to the MESS puts young scientists in charge of the investigation. Through an interactive show and hands-on challenges, students practice making observations, asking questions, making predictions, testing ideas, and figuring out what the evidence tells them. They'll explore, experiment, and discover that sometimes the best way to learn something is to "mess around" and try something new.

Cost is $350 for the show and and 1 hour of stations, that can accomodate up to 50 students.
Additional hours are $150/hour.

*Kindergarten outreach available starting in 2027

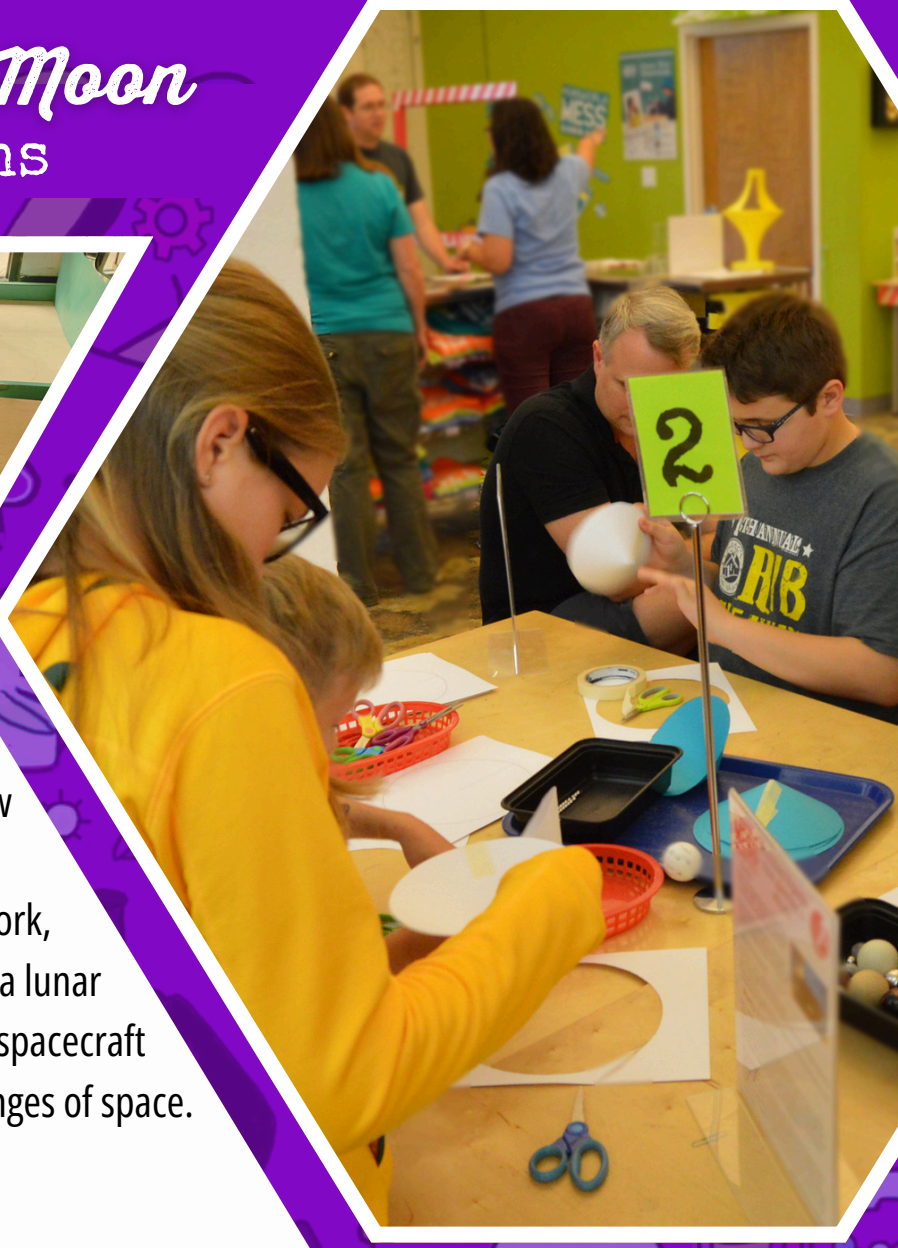


ACTIVITY STATIONS

Wind Tubes
Keva Construction
Pattern Block Symbols
My Shadow
Balancing Act
Animal Footprints

9 Fly Me to the Moon
Show & Stations





Blast off into hands-on space exploration!
Fly Me to the Moon brings a space-themed show and interactive STEM challenges directly to your school. Students use math, engineering, teamwork, and problem-solving to tackle the challenges of a lunar mission from preparing supplies and designing spacecraft to training astronauts and navigating the challenges of space.

Cost is $350 for the show and and 1 hour of stations, that can accomodate up to 50 students. Additional hours are $150/hour.



ACTIVITY STATIONS

Design a Satellite
Astronaut Training
Pack Your Bag
Collaborative Docking
Constellations
Moonbase Engineering

10 Beach & Beyond
Grant-Funded Outreach





This grant-funded program dives into an exciting day of discovery as students explore the ecosystems of our very own Gulf through interactive, standards-based learning stations. Each activity combines science, mathematics, engineering, and environmental consciousness to inspire curiosity about our coastal world.

This outreach is free to eligible schools and is **only offered for Fall 2026.**
The stations are geared for students in third through sixth grades. Schools that participated in Humans and Their Habitats are eligible for this program and are encouraged to schedule this experience as soon as possible. The show duration is 30 minutes. Hands-on activities are 50 minutes per 60 students.



ACTIVITY STATIONS

Beachcombing
Sea Turtle Navigation
Mapping the Gulf
Ocean Color
Good Catch
Tangram Sea Creatures

11 Water & My Community
Grant-Funded Outreach





MESS Hall educators lead a series of classroom workshops for 4th or 5th grade students. The first three visits center around water, its properties, and sampling of local water sources. The fourth visit allows students to roleplay as resiliency planners for a fictional city, where they have to consider multiple viewpoints on responding to extreme precipitation.

Students are then encouraged to interview stakeholders at their school to identify issues related to water or resource use. They then vote on which issue to address with guidance from the MESS Hall. An intervention will be chosen from a menu of choices, and that will be installed at the school within the school year.



COST & DETAILS

This outreach is **free** to eligible schools.

The activities are most suitable for students in 4th or 5th grades.

Schools that participated in Humans and their Habitats are eligible and are encouraged to schedule early.

Compensation is available for participating teachers.

WHAT WE DO



The Pensacola MESS Hall is a place for hands-on science that embraces the learner's need to "mess around" to gain an intuitive understanding of the fundamental principles of Math, Engineering, Science, and Stuff. We reach learners through a variety of avenues, including museum visits, camps, special programs, field trips, and outreach programs.

WHO WE ARE



We are a small staff passionate about sharing the excitement of math, engineering, and science. Volunteers, both teen and adult, engage learners in hands-on activities. As a nonprofit, community support is integral to our success.

OUR DIFFERENCE



Our mission is to inspire curiosity, experimentation, and creative problem-solving through exploration of math, engineering, science, and stuff. Our activties are designed to encourage learners to think scientifically rather than absorb set facts. We strive to attract and create a community of critical and creative thinkers of all ages who are inspired by and understand the basic principles of science.

BECOME A MEMBER





Members receive free admission the the museum, discounts on camps and birthday parties as well as reciprocal benefits or admission to over 300 museums worldwide. Sign up online or at the museum.

Stay tuned for updates!

The MESS Hall often receives grants to bring educational programs into our community. Follow us on social media or subscribe to our newsletter.

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CONTACT US!

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School Year Hours

Tuesday-Friday 12pm to 5pm

Saturday 10am to 5pm



The staff of the Pensacola MESS Hall wrote a book called *What's This MESS?* We were able to print enough copies to provide one book for each public elementary school in Escambia County, Florida thanks to a grant from Sunday's Child. When students check out the book, they can bring it to the MESS Hall for free entry for their family (up to 6 people, one of which must be an adult).



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