

YOUTH TECHNOLOGY NETWORK

CURRENT EVENT

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH & ORGANIZATIONAL SUPPORT

YOUTH TECHNOLOGY NETWORK SUPPORTS THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE NORTHERN NECK THROUGH VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION GRANT

Youth Technology Network (YTN), a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) education organization, and the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck (BGCNN) are partnering to bring students in grades K-10 from Richmond, Lancaster, and Northumberland counties a variety of unique STEM programs funded by a Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) grant from the Virginia Department of Education. The 21st CCLC funds, awarded on a competitive basis, support opportunities for enrichment during non-school hours for students, helping them to meet or exceed state and local standards in core academic subjects. This summer, a STEM-based YTN and BGCNN program funded by this grant will focus on the study of habitats ranging from the rivers of the Northern Neck to the grasslands of Australia, as well as field trips providing hands-on learning opportunities. The program runs from June 5 to July 28, 2023. Bobby Blackwell, President of YTN, looks forward to working with students this summer, adding that "YTN is excited to be the Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Neck's exclusive STEM activity provider. We look forward to providing fun and impactful STEM activities to empower students to 'Think, Grow, and Achieve' the intended objectives established by the 21st CCLC grant." "We are thrilled to continue our partnership with YTN. Bobby and his team have been bringing exciting STEM education to the Club since last summer and the Club members and staff love it. This is a wonderful example of partnering with subject matter experts to provide high-quality programs to our members." Said Jill Sears, Development Director for BGCNN.