STEM ACADEMY @ GA TECH

Hosted by the Atlanta Area Council

May 31-June 5, 2026

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INTRODUCTION

We are thrilled to extend a warm welcome to each of you as you embark on an exciting journey into the world of STEM. Get ready to immerse yourselves in a week of knowledge, networking, and expanded understanding of the STEM occupations that impact our community, nation, and world.

We have lined up a series of special guests and industry experts from numerous STEM-related businesses who will share their insights and experiences with you, providing valuable inspiration and guidance for your future endeavors in STEM.

OBJECTIVE

Introduce students to a range of STEM career pathways and opportunities through guest speakers, industry visits, and discussions with STEM professionals, inspiring them to discover and pursue their interest in future educational and career goals in STEM fields.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Dates	May 31-June 5, 2026
Location	Georgia Tech Campus
Drop-Off	May 31st at Montag Hall from 3:30pm-5:00pm
	845 McMillan St NW, Atlanta, GA 30313
Pick-Up	June 5th at Zoo Atlanta Savannah Hall
	800 Cherokee Ave SE, Atlanta, GA 30308

TYPICAL DAILY SCHEDULE

6:00 am: Wakeup

6:45 am: Walk to West Village Dining Hall

7:00 - 8:00 am: Breakfast at West Village Dining Hall

8:00 am - Noon: Site visits

12:00 - 1:00 pm: Lunch (times and locations will vary each day)

1:00 - 6:00 pm: Continue site visits

6:15 - 7:15 pm: Dinner at West Village Dining Hall (time will vary each day)

7:30 - 9:45 pm: Evening program

10:00 pm: Curfew (students in dorm rooms for the evening)

CONFIRMED PRESENTERS

Final Schedule will be available on the STEM Academy program website before May 31.

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Kaiser Permanente

TK Elevator

Applied Technical Services

Dwell Design Studio

Georgia Tech Admissions

Pond Engineering

Georgia Power

Southern Gas Company

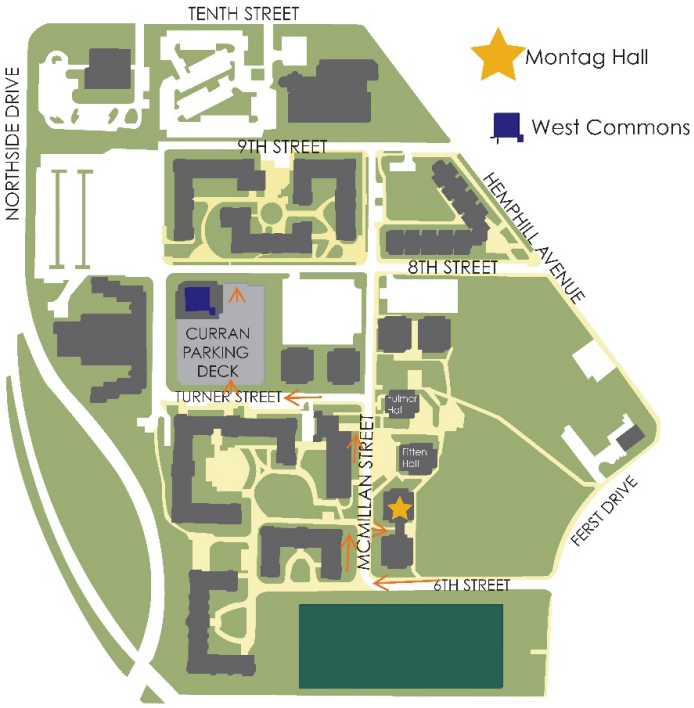
Georgia Tech Maker Spaces

Kennesaw State University
Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering & Engineering Technology

PROGRAM DROP-OFF

Drop-off will be at Montag Hall

- 845 McMillan St NW, Atlanta, GA 30318
- 3:30-5:00 pm



There are minimal parking spaces in front of the dorm hall. To reduce the amount of traffic back up, we ask that you don't park in those spaces. **It is very important that you use those spaces ONLY to drop off all the student's gear at the sidewalk and move your vehicle immediately after**.

There is a parking garage (Curran Parking Deck) around the corner that will be available free of charge for the drop-off period from 3:30-6:00 pm.

Once you have parked your vehicle at Curran Parking Deck, you will be allowed to come back to Montag Hall to check-in, turn in any paperwork, receive your key, and get settled in.

At 5:00 pm, for those who have not done so already, we will be walking over to West Commons for the student/parent orientation (entrance from 8th Street).

COMMUNICATIONS

We will use GroupMe for updates throughout the week. All students must join, parents are invited to join as well: Click here to join the GroupMe

WHAT TO BRING

- Appropriate clothes for 5 days (clothes that you would wear to school)
  - On Tuesday you will need long pants, tall socks, long sleeves, and closed toe/heel flat shoes for safety purposes
  - No loose or sagging pants; wear a belt if you can't keep them up
  - No clothing that is revealing (*i.e.*, anything that would violate a school dress code)
- Jacket or sweater
- Business/dressy attire (for Friday evening banquet)
- Bedding for twin bed (extra-long mattress)
- Pillow
- Hangers to hang attire in the wardrobe
- Rain gear (just in case)
- Shower shoes
- Soap, comb, toothbrush, toothpaste, towels (bring extra!), and other personal items
- Camera
- Water Bottle
- **Medical form and insurance information signed by a parent or guardian**
- **Safety and Prevention Letter**
- **Student Information Sheet**
- **TKE Waiver**

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Weapons of any kind
- Fireworks or other explosive items
- Alcohol, drugs, or other illegal substances
- Non-prescribed medications
- Significant amount of cash (there will be a very limited number of opportunities for students to spend money)
- Expensive jewelry, electronics, or other valuables that could be lost, damaged, or stolen during the program. We are not responsible for items that participants bring.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Participants will be staying in Montag Hall in the West Village section of Georgia Tech housing Sunday through Friday.

Rooms will be assigned by age and gender, with separate areas by gender. Access to the building and rooms will be via key cards, which students will be able to carry on their supplied lanyards. Students should keep their cards with them at all times, and notify staff if they lose their card. **Access cards must be returned at room checkout on Friday morning** after breakfast. If any student has lost their access card, there will be a lost card fee applied.

Students who enter a room occupied by participants of the opposite gender will be removed from the program.

Chaperones will be staying in the dorms to monitor participants and emergency situations.

MEALS

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner will be provided each day. We will be having breakfast and dinner every day at the West Village Dining Hall and lunch will mostly be off-site.

Access cards issued for rooms will also grant dining hall access. STEM Academy staff will assist students with tapping in to the dining hall.

If you have any dietary restrictions or allergies, please inform the program coordinator by May 4th.

There will be no ordering of outside food to the dorms allowed.

FRIDAY NIGHT BANQUET

We will end the program Friday, June 5 with a closing banquet from 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Zoo Atlanta Savannah Hall to recognize the youth in attendance as well as the organizations that partnered with us for the week.

Students are welcome to invite up to **two** family members to join us for the evening. Please fill out the form of the names that you will bring to the banquet so that we can get an accurate head count. This will need to be completed by May 18. We will have parking accommodations; a code will be available to use that will cover your parking fee.

Please see the full menu on the banquet attendance link.

2026 STEM Academy Banquet Family Attendance RSVP

CODE OF CONDUCT

Enrollment and participation in this program constitutes acceptance of this code of conduct.

Any participants in violation of these rules risk consequences up to and including immediate removal from the program.

RESPECT FOR PROPERTY

Treat all equipment, facilities, and materials with care and respect. Do not touch anything without permission and follow all instructions regarding equipment usage.

PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

Behave in a professional manner at all times. This includes being attentive and courteous to employees of the participating businesses and other visitors.

DRESS CODE

Adhere to the dress code specified by the businesses. Generally, this means wearing appropriate attire such as closed-toe shoes and full-length tops and pants, and avoiding clothing that may pose safety hazards (fringe, loose sleeves, etc.).

SAFETY

Prioritize safety at all times. Follow safety protocols provided by the business, including wearing protective gear and observing safety guidelines in labs or workshops. Hair should be sufficiently secured to prevent accidental tangling.

ASK QUESTIONS RESPECTFULLY

Engage in the visit by asking relevant and respectful questions. Avoid interrupting presentations or discussions and wait for appropriate opportunities to ask questions.

STAY WITH THE GROUP

Remain with the designated tour group at all times. Do not wander off or explore areas that are not part of the scheduled visit without permission.

CELL PHONE USAGE

Minimize cell phone usage during the visits. Refrain from taking photos, videos, or making calls unless explicitly permitted by the business.

FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS

Follow all instructions given by tour guides, instructors, or employees of the business. This includes emergency procedures and evacuation protocols.

GRATITUDE

Express gratitude to the employees and staff of the business for hosting the visit. Thank them for their time and for sharing their knowledge and expertise.

NO DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

Avoid any behavior that may disrupt the visit or cause inconvenience to others. This includes loud talking, running, or engaging in horseplay.

NO OUTSIDE FOOD ORDERING

Outside food deliveries to the dorms and program locations will not be permitted. If there are specific dietary needs, please inform the program staff at enrollment.

CURFEW AND DORM ETIQUETTE

Curfew is the time at which all students must be in their own rooms for the night. There is no reason for a student to be in a room that is not assigned to them after this time. There will be sufficient time allowed for showering and other bedtime routines before curfew.

Being in a different room after curfew is disrespectful to those who wish to have quiet personal time as they prepare for sleep, as well as a safety risk due to the need for program staff to know where students are at all times.

SCOUT LAW

As a program of Scouting America, STEM Academy expects all students to follow the Scout Law as a basic standard of integrity, respect and general etiquette.

A Scout is

- Trustworthy
- Loyal
- Helpful
- Friendly
- Courteous
- Kind
- Obedient
- Cheerful
- Thrifty
- Brave
- Clean
- Reverent

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Do we need to pick up our student every day?

No, this is a residential program. You will need to pick up your student to go home following the banquet on **Friday, June 5.**

Dorm pairings

Two students will be sharing a dorm based upon gender and age. If you would like to request to share a room with a friend, please send that information to the Program Coordinator prior to **May 18**.

For Scouting America members, what merit badge requirements will be completed during the program?

Certain activities during the week will fulfill requirements for a handful of merit badges. Scouts are responsible for researching requirements for merit badges of interest, taking notes, and following up with an individual merit badge counselor to obtain credit for completion.

How does pick-up work?

We will have pick-up available once the banquet is concluded. Students must check-out with a staff member before leaving with their parent/family member/guardian.

Is there an orientation?

There will be a student/parent orientation on May 31 from 5:00-6:00pm at the Georgia Tech Living Learning Communities West Commons.

Will pictures be taken?

Yes, there will be pictures taken throughout the week to be uploaded and viewed. Students will also be able to upload their photos as well.

2026 STEM Academy Photos