



## OFFICE OF THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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*Re: Summer STEM Programs in South Miami*

The City of South Miami Parks and Recreation Department is excited to launch a series of STEM activities as part of its 2019 Summer Camp and Teen Program. These classes will focus on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) learning through dynamic and powerful applied science activities inspiring hands on and engaged learning. Children will design, create, test and improve experiments that explore what technology is and how it affects everyday life.

Through various engineering avenues, kids aged five (5) to sixteen (16) years old will learn and create experiments in a fun environment. Each class will incorporate topics that help kids and teens to excel beyond what they learn in school. Class topics range from aerospace, chemical and civil to environmental engineering, marine science, coding software and robotics.

***The upcoming STEM Program for the 2019 Summer Camp and Teen Camp was made possible through the generous contribution (\$7,000) made by Volksblast, Inc. For the past 19 years, VolksBlast, Inc. has held its annual Volkswagen Car Show event in the City of South Miami. This reoccurring event showcases approximately 250 classic Volkswagen cars and generates approximately 10,000 attendees who stimulate South Miami's economy through various purchases during the event from local merchants and restaurants.***

The summer STEM program will be in addition to the existing free STEM program, Wonder Workshops, offered every month, on the third Saturday at 10:30a. Pre-registration is required for Wonder Workshops. Registration for Summer Camp or Wonder Workshop class can be completed in person at the Gibson-Bethel Community Center or online at [www.Recpro.southmiamifl.gov](http://www.Recpro.southmiamifl.gov).

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