



Accelerate Learning and EarthEcho International Join Forces to Develop STEMrangers Science Night Kits for Grades 3–8

Ready-made kits make it easy to engage local school communities in Science Nights led by mission guide Philippe Cousteau

HOUSTON – Aug. 1, 2017 – Producing an exciting, well-attended “Science Night” event can be a time-consuming task for schools. This is why [Accelerate Learning](#) has partnered with [Philippe Cousteau](#) and [EarthEcho International](#) to create [STEMrangers Science Night](#). The all-in-one program makes it easy for schools to engage students and families in fun, meaningful STEM learning experiences, and understand and nurture the most vital parts of our planet.

Designed for grades 3–8, each STEMrangers Science Night kit comes with materials for up to 50 students, including “Classified Intelligence Papers” for each student, online video intros from Cousteau, 10 science night stations, station leader guides and videos, and themed backpacks. The digital component of the kit also includes resources such as parent letters, volunteer sign-up sheets, and guides for teachers on integrating the Science Night topics into classroom lessons.

The first kit, which will be released in August, focuses on the theme “Food and Water.” Cousteau, the grandson of legendary explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau, serves as the mission guide, appearing in a series of videos that introduce the mission and provide important briefings. During Science Night, students and their families visit “Reconnaissance Stations” and conduct hands-on STEM activities. After the event, students choose how they want apply what they have learned to achieve their mission and solve real-world issues in their community.

“STEMrangers Science Night is a wonderful extension of EarthEcho International’s mission, which is to inspire young people worldwide to act now for a sustainable future,” said Philippe Cousteau, EarthEcho International’s founder. “What’s most exciting about STEMrangers is that it not only allows students to have fun with hands-on STEM learning, but it gives them the opportunity to identify and solve environmental challenges starting in their own communities.”

“By combining our expertise in standards-based digital curriculum with EarthEcho’s extraordinary programs, we are taking students on a guided journey that engages them in the real-world application of STEM and helps them understand some of today’s most important STEM-related issues,” said Vernon Johnson, president and CEO of Accelerate Learning.



About Earth Echo International

EarthEcho International is a nonprofit organization founded on the belief that youth have the power to change our planet. Established by siblings Philippe and Alexandra Cousteau in honor of their father Philippe Cousteau Sr. and grandfather legendary explorer Jacques-Yves Cousteau, its mission is to inspire young people worldwide to act now for a sustainable future. All of EarthEcho's programs are designed to equip new generations of leaders and problem solvers to identify and tackle environmental challenges in their own communities and beyond. For more information about EarthEcho International, visit www.earthecho.org.

About Accelerate Learning

Founded at Rice University, Accelerate Learning has grown from a single product, STEMscopes, to a brand that now offers a variety of curriculum and professional development solutions that support early learning, Next Generation Science Standards, state-aligned curriculum, and STEM certification programs.

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