

Afterschool Matters

Call for Papers

Spring 2013 Issue

Afterschool Matters, a national, peer-reviewed journal dedicated to promoting professionalism, scholarship, and consciousness in the field of afterschool education, is seeking material for the Spring 2013 issue. Published by the National Institute on Out-of-School Time with support from the Robert Bowne Foundation, the journal serves those involved in developing and providing programs for youth during the out-of-school time hours, in addition to those engaged in research and in shaping youth development policy.

The Spring 2013 issue of *Afterschool Matters* will specifically focus on science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) in the out-of-school time (OST) program hours. This specially focused issue is made possible through the generous support of the NOYCE Foundation. Suggested topics include:

- Descriptions, research, and analyses of out-of-school time programs and initiatives that support learning through STEM experiences, including those in afterschool programs, museums, and other informal STEM education learning environments.
- Descriptions of strategies for increasing the number of well-prepared and effective STEM OST program staff and leaders.
- Research on STEM learning in OST and the development of STEM OST instructional materials and curriculum.
- Identification and exploration of promising practices in STEM OST programming and teaching.
- Research on STEM program quality indicators and tools for STEM program quality assessment.
- Personal or inspirational STEM focused narratives and essays for our section "Voices from the Field."
- Exploration of STEM OST topics such as: (a) metrics to assess youth knowledge or skill competency, (b) staff professional development, (c) alignment of STEM OST content and K-12 education, (d) STEM OST content guidelines that outline essential knowledge and skills for STEM workforce participation, and (e) organization partnerships that support STEM program delivery.

Submission Guidelines

- Deadline is July 20, 2012, for the Spring 2013 issue of *Afterschool Matters*.
- Submissions should be submitted electronically in Microsoft Word or Rich Text format.
- Submissions should not exceed 5,000 words.
- Include a cover sheet with the manuscript title, authors' names, addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses.
- The names of the authors should not appear on the text, as submissions are reviewed anonymously by peers.
- Follow the Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association, 6th Edition (July 2009), for reference style guidelines. Present important information in the text and do not use extensive footnotes.

Inquiries about possible topics are welcome.

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