

LETTER TO THE EDITOR | STEM event got kids excited to learn

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Last Saturday I brought my two kids to the West Sound STEM Showcase at the Kitsap Mall. (“STEM event appeals to kids,” April 27)

We made toothbrush robots with sailors from the USS John C. Stennis, built marshmallow structures with architects from Rice Fergus Miller, and practiced our circuitry skills with biomedical technicians from Naval Hospital Bremerton. We spent nearly three hours there and didn’t even scratch the surface — my two young scientists could have happily played there all day.

That was the event’s secret: it felt like play, not work, to learn about math and science — a great way to get kids excited about these fields, where our state creates far more jobs than we have graduates.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made the day possible; it was truly a great event!



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