

InSTEM Educator Land Camp



STEM OUTREACH
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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

As part of Actua's ongoing commitment to systemic change in the way Indigenous youth experience the education system, we are hosting the third **InSTEM Educator Land Camp** in collaboration with Virtual Ventures at Carleton University and Thompson Island Cultural Camp, in Akwesasne, Ontario. Our aim is to foster the integration of Indigenous land-based Knowledges into STEM education practices among educators nationwide.

Interested in learning more about last year's **Akwesasne InSTEM Educator Land Camp** experience? [Click here.](#)

We are currently developing a list of interested educators. There will only be **25 spaces available**. If you are interested in joining, please **express your interest to attend by May 15, 2024 following the next steps below**. Note that a short application period will follow.



When: August 12-16, 2024

Where: Thompson Island Cultural Camp, Akwesasne, Ontario

Who's invited: Educators

- STEM educators including K-12 pre-service and classroom teachers, administrators, and board consultants in Ontario (note that spaces will be provided to educators local to Akwesasne, Eastern Ontario, and Ottawa first).
- Educators who are committed to learning more about practices that will improve Indigenous youth's experiences in STEM education.

Cost: Attendance at the InSTEM Educator Land Camp is free of charge.

- Please be aware that a complimentary bus service will depart from Ottawa to transport attendees to the campsite. However, if you opt not to use the bus service or are traveling from outside Ottawa, travel expenses to reach the campsite are not covered.
- Please note that in future stages, a \$100 deposit will be requested from all participating educators to secure your spot at the upcoming Land Camp. Rest assured, upon attendance at The Land Camp, this deposit will be fully refunded. More information to come.



HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Learning **cultural teachings** first-hand from Knowledge Keepers and **STEM** practitioners about the direct relationships between Indigenous Knowledge, related STEM principles, and curricular connections;
- Enhancing your STEM, cultural knowledge and leadership skills;
- Joining a network of educators who are exploring the application of Indigenous land-based Knowledges among educators, in educational settings across Canada;
- Earning Actua's InSTEM Educator Land Camp Micro-credential.

NEXT STEPS

Please contact education@actua.ca to express your interest in attending this event by **May 15, 2024**. An application period will follow.

Questions can be directed to education@actua.ca

ABOUT ACTUA

Actua is Canada's largest science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) youth outreach organization representing over 40 university and college-based members. Each year, Actua's growing network of member organizations engages over 350,000 young Canadians in 500 communities nationwide in transformative STEM learning experiences that build critical skills and confidence. Actua focuses on engaging underrepresented youth through specialized programs for Indigenous youth, girls and young women, at-risk youth, and youth living in Northern and remote communities. Its national InSTEM program reaches over 35,000 Indigenous youth per year in over 200 Indigenous communities. For more information about Actua, visit actua.ca.

ABOUT VIRTUAL VENTURES

Virtual Ventures is a not-for-profit organization run under the Faculty of Engineering and Design at Carleton University. Virtual Ventures offers nationally recognized technology and engineering programs for youth who have completed junior kindergarten – grade 12. Programs run through Virtual Ventures include summer camp, fall and winter clubs, school outreach workshops, InSTEM (Indigenous Youth in STEM) programs and Girls Outreach Events. Virtual Ventures provides the youth of Ottawa with stimulating experiences in all aspects of computers, information technology, engineering, and science.