19) Discovery Space
Informal Education

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Discovery Space of Central Pennsylvania is a growing science center of interactive exhibits and hands-on programs designed to provide valuable informal science education, especially in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM), in a fun learning environment. Our proximity to The Pennsylvania State University allows for many valuable collaborations in both program delivery and exhibit development with the students and faculty. Traveling exhibits from Discovery Space are often featured at community events. Our science center has over 1,000 members and in the last 3 months had an average of 1500 visitors per month. We offer in-house educational programs for preschoolers and their families, middle school students, and over 15 summer camps annually for ages 3-15. Discovery Space works with the State College and surrounding school districts to provide age-appropriate STEM afterschool programs for k-5th graders in elementary schools. As part of our STEM Powered afterschool program we bring 5th grade girls from Bellefonte and Penns Valley School Districts to the Penn State Campus and surrounding industries to highlight females in STEM careers.