INTEGRATING GEOSPATIAL TECHNOLOGY WITHIN NAVAL STEM EDUCATION INITIATIVES

Capstone Project Proposal
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BACKGROUND

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- STEM and GIS can be incorporated into just about any class. It especially creates possibilities for cross-curricular projects.
- In STEM the idea of project-based real-world learning matches with the capabilities of GIS.



TEACHING WITH GIS

 Teaching with GIS employs an inquiry-based, problem-solving approach to learning that also promotes valuable spatial thinking skills. This approach not only benefits the teaching of geography but also science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM), as well as the humanities.



"Today, spatial thinking is more relevant than ever before as issues such as climate change, economic globalization, urban sprawl, biodiversity loss, sustainable agriculture, water quality and quantity, crime, cultural diversity, energy, tourism, political instability, and natural hazards grow in importance on a global scale but also increasingly affect our everyday lives." – Joseph Kerski, ESRI

NAVAL STEM

- The Department of Defense (DoD) has long supported STEM education and outreach activities throughout the nation.
- Naval STEM supports the Department of the Navy (DoN)'s Navy and Marine Corps education and outreach programs.



NAVAL STEM

- Three focus areas of Naval STEM programs include:
 - Inspiring, engaging, and educating the next generation of scientists and engineers, technology professionals, and medical professionals
 - Employing, retaining, and developing a diverse civilian and military technical workforce
 - Collaborating across the Naval STEM communities and with other agencies to maximize benefits to the DoN







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LET US STATE IT UP FRONT AND IN UNMISTAKABLE WORDS: STRONG NAVAL STEM EFFORTS ARE CRITICAL TO AMERICA'S FUTURE, AND ARE A MATTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY.



-Chief of Naval Research Rear Adm. Lorin Selby, Naval STEM Executive

GIS STEM ACTIVITIES

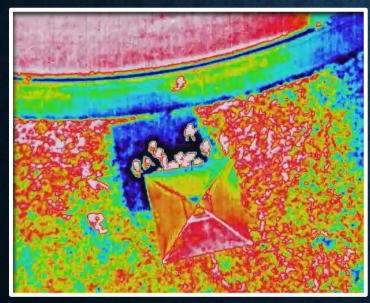
• Children learn in a variety of ways, but **visual** learning is especially effective. Using maps in the classroom illustrates geographic context, helping students connect lessons with <u>real places</u>.





GEOSPATIAL TOOLS ENHANCE STEM ACTIVITIES

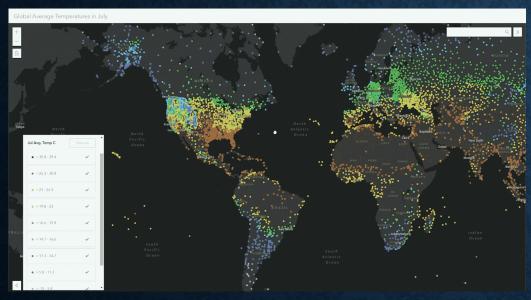
- Promotes student engagement and develops critical thinking skills.
- The "rise of drones" has captured the attention and imagination of students worldwide, enabling geospatial technology to be placed in the hands of students of all ages using an engaging and fun 'toy.'







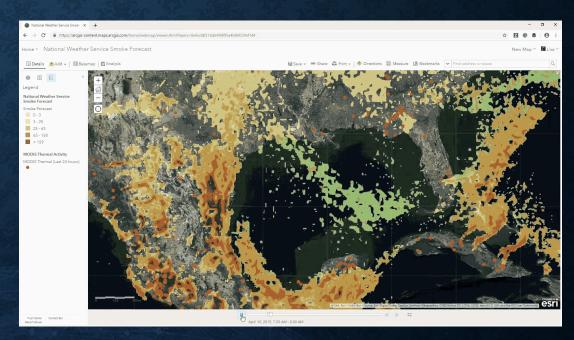
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ArcGIS Online is a mapping platform freely available to public, private, and home schools.

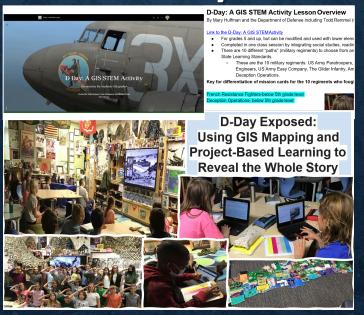


EXAMPLES OF GIS STEM ACTIVITIES

GIS Scavenger Hunts



D-Day STEM GIS Activity



Fundamentals of GIS & Location Intelligence



TRACKING STEM ACTIVITIES

- The Office of Naval Research (ONR) manages the Department of the Navy STEM coordination office, to foster student interest in the sciences and hence build the future science and technology workforce.
- ONR requires Naval labs to track and report STEM outreach metrics; Naval STEM is continuously assessing which projects to grow, sustain or reduce.



CURRENT PROCESS

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CHALLENGES OF CURRENT PROCESS

- Reporting STEM metrics is very time consuming for leadership.
- Prone to human error and inconsistencies with data making it difficult to compile reports.
- Inability to 'quickly answer' questions about STEM Outreach efforts.
- STEM leadership supports with the idea of geo-enabling the metrics collection effort.



GOAL AND OBJECTIVE

To geo-enable the collection and reporting of Naval STEM metrics while providing leadership with an intuitive and interactive data visualization tool.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

- STEM Mapping and Reporting Tool (SMaRT)
- Provides STEM leaders the ability to collect important and consistent event metrics throughout the Naval STEM community.
- Collect STEM event data via mobile device or web browser.
- Built on the Esri platform using ArcGIS Survey 123 and ArcGIS Survey Connect (SaaS)
 geospatial technology.
- Reports generated using ArcGIS Survey123 website.
- Operations dashboard for visualization by STEM leadership.

PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

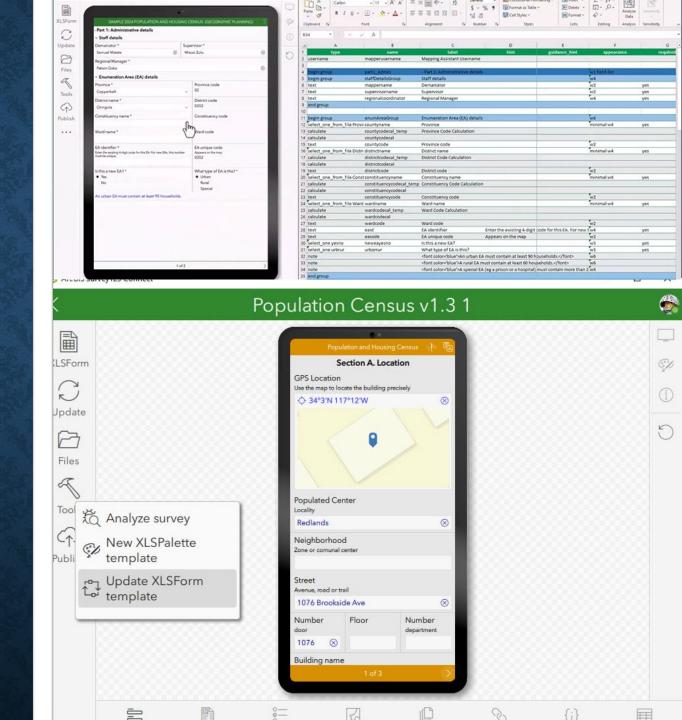
ARCGIS SURVEY123

- Capture STEM metrics, and upload data securely for further analysis.
- Data collected is immediately available within the ArcGIS platform.



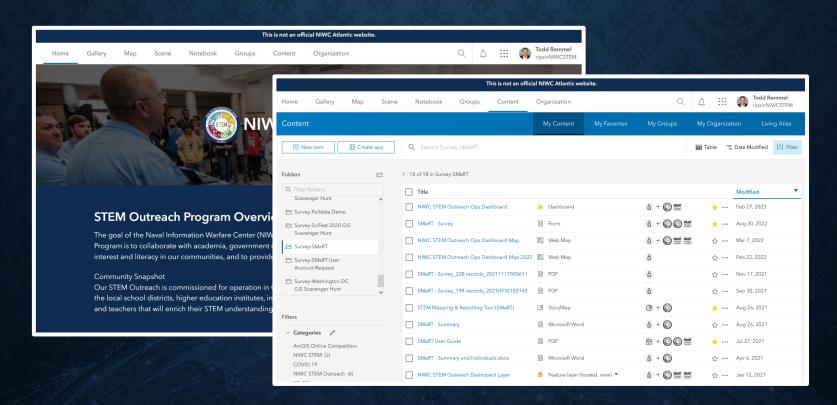
SURVEY123 CONNECT

- Allows for advanced development.
- Provides full XLSForm authoring.
- Full control over the design of the survey and its behavior.
- Works from any device and supports offline data collection.



ARCGIS ONLINE

• All Survey 123 items (e.g., forms, web maps, tabular reference data, survey records) are stored in ArcGIS Online.



ARCGIS DASHBOARDS

• Interactive display of critical metrics such as upcoming and past events, event locations, dates, attendance totals (and more), with ability to filter by region, event type, etc.

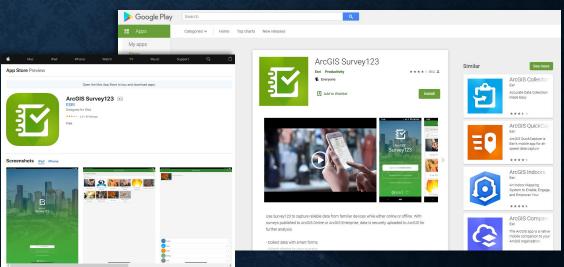
 Communicates STEM Outreach metrics to leadership in easy-to-read visual format.



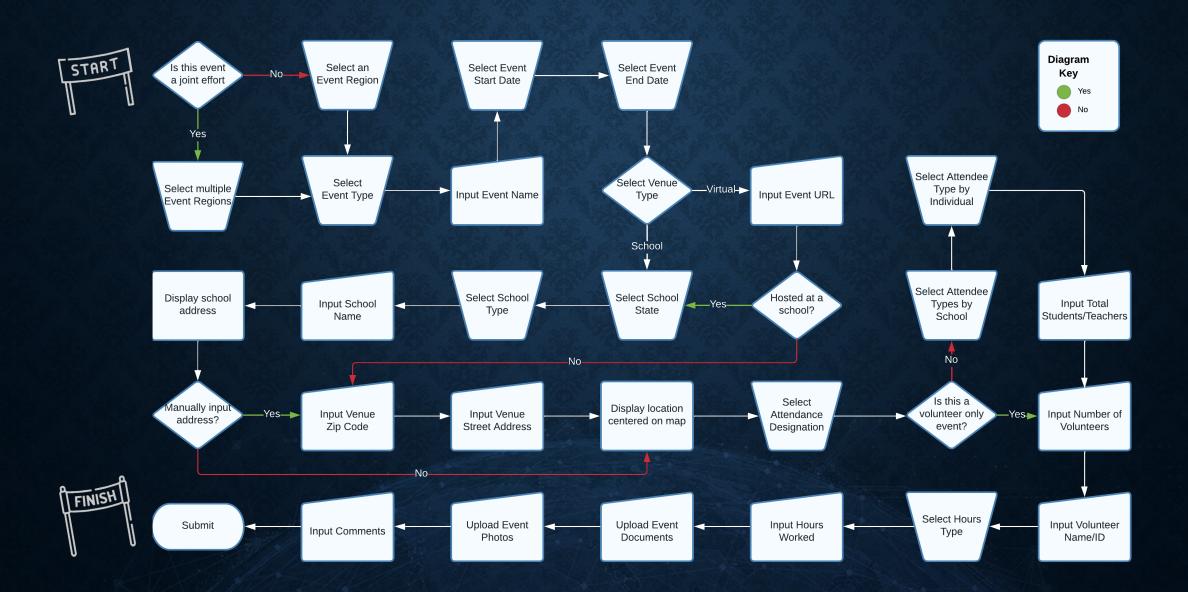
ARCGIS STORYMAPS

- Create a StoryMap with instructions on how to use SMaRT
 - How to install Survey 123 app (iPhone/Android) or use the web version.
- Provide link to SMaRT Operations Dashboard (based on access).
- Embed a Survey123 form for requesting a user account.
- Include QR codes.
- Contact information.





SURVEY FLOWCHART



SOURCING DATA: OPEN DATA



DATA ATTRIBUTES

Event:

Region

Type

Name

Dates

Venue Type

Location (lat/lon)

Attendance Type

Attendance Count



Type

Name

Address

Phone

Location (lat/lon)



Volunteers:

Count

Hours





PROJECT TIMELINE

SMART TIMELINE

- (AUG 2023): Verify the metrics details required to be provided in the reports to ONR with STEM leadership.
- (AUG 2023): Review a proposed data collection workflow with STEM leadership.
- (AUG-SEP 2023): Develop SMaRT Survey using ArcGIS Survey 123 Connect.
- (SEP-OCT 2023): Develop SMaRT Operations Dashboard using ArcGIS Dashboards, including design of featured web map showing event locations (and test).

SMART TIMELINE

- (OCT 2023): Develop SMaRT sample reports using Survey123 (and test).
- (OCT 2023): Develop SMaRT StoryMap with documentation and user account request functionality (Survey123).
- (OCT 2023): Present at NCGE (see next slide)
- (NOV 2023): Soft launch SMaRT to small STEM volunteer audience.
- (DEC 2023): After user input and testing by leadership and other STEM leads, start collecting initial metrics.

CAPSTONE PRESENTATION

 Submitted a proposal for presenting capstone at the 2023 National Council for Geographic Education Conference held October 27-28th in Columbia, SC.

National Council for Geographic Education invites you to submit a proposal to present at the 2023 Annual Conference Annual Co. N/SHARE CON PROPOSAL INFORMATION REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

ANTICIPATED RESULTS

WHAT WILL SMART 'LOOK LIKE'?

- SMaRT will consist of key geospatial tools combined to track, visualize and report STEM metrics.
- Web and mobile versions of Survey123 forms used for collecting STEM event details.
- Operations dashboard used to visualize upcoming and completed STEM events.
- Reports generated using filtered STEM event data.



HOW WILL IT BE TESTED?

- Past and present STEM event data will be captured using SMaRT Survey.
- SMaRT Operations Dashboard will be populated with this data.
- Data interrogation by filtering and selecting data points will allow leadership to query and QA/QC the data.
- Reports will be generated and reviewed for monthly, quarterly and annual metrics.
- STEM Outreach Leadership can compare existing manual reports with geo-enabled SMaRT output.

QUESTIONS?

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ARCGIS SURVEY123

• Esri's ArcGIS Survey 123 is an easy-to-use mobile application that asks a series of questions to collect data and geospatial information using a smartphone or any other mobile device equipped with GPS.

• The Survey 123 app can be designed for many types of projects, requires little training to use, works from any device, and supports offline data collection.

SCHOOLS MAPPING SOFTWARE BUNDLE

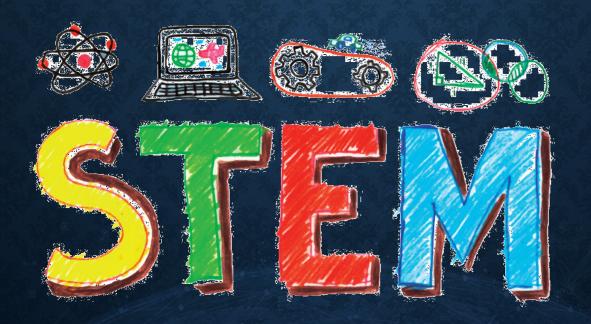
- FREE
- ArcGIS Online is cloud-based = no software installation necessary
- Share maps and apps with secure logins for all students and teachers.
- Ready-to-use web and mobile apps
- Robust online data analysis apps
- Visualize, analyze, create and share 2D and 3D data

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DATA PREP USING ALTERYX DESIGNER

- Will need to blend and analyze school data in order to create school categories:
 - Elementary
 - Middle
 - High
 - Other