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# It's a Busy Summer!

# **Recap of Recent Events**

### iFly Event was a great success!

This year we had the privilege of hosting a total of 32 flyers at the SAME iFly STEM camp. We had 29 children ages 6-16 and 3 adult chaperones join in on the experience. It's hard to believe, but this year we actually had 3 generations of flyers in the same family included - children, dad, and grandfather. What a great and memorable time. A big thank you goes out to our chaperones. Thank you for your hard work keeping the kids moving along and squelching their fears of the wind tunnel.

iFly did an incredible job of making complicated STEM subjects fun and interactive with a great introduction into skydiving aerodynamics by addressing the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics that goes into both the act of skydiving and the development and construction of a skydiving wind tunnel. The opening presentation was engaging and interactive and did a great job of keeping the kids attention pulling them into complex subjects. In addition to flying in the wind tunnel the kids were also immersed in STEM Lab learning experience. With the





groups of kids separated by age we were able to have age specific STEM activities with classes focused on. 'Shape of Canopy Lab' where kids investigated what happens to a parachute's performance if the shape of the canopy is changed, and a 'Ball Flight Lab' where kids brainstorm ways to measure the variables required for calculating the terminal velocity of a ball.

Thank you SAME and thank you to our volunteers and Chaperones for supporting this rewarding event. The kids had a great time and were able to expand their STEM knowledge- a win, win.

A special thank you to **Ryan Gibson** for taking the lead on this event and making sure all went smoothly. And thank you to sponsors **Spur Design** and **LDG**.

Keep your eyes open- We will be back next year, and it will be bigger and better. You don't want to miss out.







# JETC was informative, well-attended and there were lots of great connections





## Event recap from Ed Mears

Nearly 2,750 professionals from across the A/E/C industry and joint engineering community attended for JETC: Operation: Collaboration, May 14-16, 2024, in Orlando, Florida!. Although rainy and humid in Orlando, it was an excellent event.

I attended the Post Presidents meeting on 5/14/24. Here's a few highlights:

National President: **Charlie Perham**, and new President **Sharon Krock**.

Initiative to get more members to participate in COIs. Only 10% of society members are participating. Goal of every member to participate in at least one COI.

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SAME National is hosting technical seminars practically every Wednesday "Webinar Wednesdays". Generally these are no-fee for members. **Find them here.** 

### Phoenix is "Post with Distinction"

National Leadership Team has approved first dues increase since 2021. Details to come out later this year. Follows industry norms and keeping up with cost of business.

# Sharon's message for her tenure as National President:

- Drive Collaboration.
- Deliver Solutions.
- Develop our People.

I connected with Phoenix members **Bruce Preston** and **Teresa Howell** at JETC.

Great program for education sessions, networking and fellowship.

New National SAME President Sharon Krock



### **Future City Competition SAME Award**

In May, Phoenix Post Treasurer **Ed Mears** was invited to present the certificates to the Future City student team and briefly visit with them about the Society. The school had 6 teams with 5 separate awards. Ed presented a Phoenix Post coin to the Team leader.



### **Omaha Post Industry Day**

Phoenix Post, Director of Communications, **Teresa Howell** attended the 2024 Omaha Post Industry Day. This is one of the bigger Industry Days every year and they had record attendance this year - 750! Presentations were informative and lots of great connections were made.

**Link to Presentations** 

# 2024 SAME STEM Camp at US Air Force Academy







The Phoenix Post sponsored this young man, **Scott Stevens**, for the SAME STEM Camp at USAFA. Board member **Teresa Howell** made sure to find him and say hello. Scott attends Pinnacle High School. She was able to see Scott participating in several activities at the camp. Scott made a point to let her know that he really enjoyed the camp and he was so grateful to the Phoenix Post for sponsoring him this year.

The Phoenix Post also sponsored camper Aadhya Kondapuram, of Basha H.S. to attend the US Marine Corps Camp in North Carolina.

**Teresa Howell** volunteered for the week at the camp; helping with logistics, photos and picking kids up from the airport. It was a fun week!

New SAME National President, **Sharon Krock** showed up at the USAFA STEM Camp to observe some of the activities and interact with the campers and mentors. She judged the talent show on the last night of camp and handed out graduation certificates on the final day.

So great to have Sharon visit the camp!

# **Upcoming Events**

Stay tuned for the next SAME Phoenix Post event luncheon, slated for September. We will also be doing an ADOT site visit on October 24, 2024 (for members only), details and registration coming soon.

### Other upcoming events/Industry days:

Jul. 17, 2024 National Park Service Virtual Industry FairInfo
Jul. 25, 2024 SAME OC/LA Joint Small Business Forum Cypress, CA Info
Aug. 7-9, 2024 Albuquerque Post Industry Day Albuquerque, NMInfo
Aug. 29, 2024 OKC Post Industry Day Midwest City, OklahomaInfo
Sep. 17-19, 2024 Pacific Industry Forum Honolulu, HawaiiInfo



City of Tucson Small Business Expo - July 19, 2024

This event provides a platform for diverse and local suppliers to connect with procurement professionals from corporations, government agencies, and other organizations interested in diversifying their supply chains.

For more information, contact Narda Flores (520) 484-3093, narda.flores@tucsonaz.gov

**RSVP** Required for Free Event

**City of Tucson Small Business Expo Registration** 



Save the Date - Casino Night October 17, 2024 Stay tuned for updates Joint fundraiser with CMAA

All proceeds will go to support the SAME and CMAA Scholarship Program.



### SAME Federal Small Business Conference 2024

It's time to plan for one of the biggest events of the year! Registration is open, there are some booths still available, and hotel information is coming soon. November 20-22, 2024 in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Three days, one place, unlimited hours of networking, thousands of strategic conversations. It's time for **SBC**: *Strength in Partnership*! The must-attend market research event of the year connecting you with leading experts, decision-makers, solution providers, business partners, and federal contracting officers.

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