

# LEARN TOGETHER HANDS-ONSTEM PROGRAMS FOR CAMPS AND COMMUNITIES



Using Pitsco products in your summer **STEM camps** or after-school programs offers children a hands-on experience like no other!

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With a teacher's guide and Pitsco products, follow this sample outline to be on your way to STEM fun! Visit **Pitsco.com/Camps** to explore a list of recommended products and corresponding teacher guides.

# SAMPLE PROGRAM: THE POWER OF AIR

DAY 1	DAY 2	DAY 3	DAY 4	<b>C</b> t- ¢012.00
BALLOON CARS	SAIL CARS	KAZOON KITES	STRAW ROCKETS	Cost: \$912.80
Balloon Car Explore-A-Pak (15790)	Sail Car Maker Project (42962)	KaZoon Kites – Getting Started Package (23613)	Straw Rockets Maker Project (42963)	<b>Students served:</b> 30 (60 if working in pairs)
Balloon Car Elementary STEM Activity Guide (41526)	Sail Car Elementary STEM Activity Guide (41527)	KaZoon Kites Elementary STEM Activity Guide (42608)	Straw Rocket Elementary STEM Activity Guide (41525)	Cost per student \$15-\$30

# 30+ hours of instruction Unlimited fun!

## PROGRAM TOPICS

Rocketry Structures Air Maker/Engineering

Solar Cars Siege Machines

# ROCKETRY



# **STRAW ROCKETS**

HOURS	GRADES 3-5		
Strav	Straw Rocket Elementary STEM Activity Guide		
1	Straw Rocket Construction		
1	Straw Rocket Testing		
1	Lesson 1: Straw Rockets and Newton's Laws		
1	Lesson 2: How Gravity and Mass Affect Performance		
3	Challenge: The Great Rocket Fin Caper		

HOURS	GRADES 6-8
Strav	v Rockets Teacher's Guide
1	Varying Rocket Length
1	Varying Nose Cone Mass
2	Varying Launch Angles
2	Calculating Average Velocity
2	Engineering Challenge I
2	Varying Rocket Length II
2	Mass vs Range
2	Varying Launch Angles II
4	Engineering Challenge II

Suggested course of activities

# **SOLID-FUEL ROCKETS**

HOURS	GRADES 6-8
Solid	l-Fuel Rockets Teacher's Guide
2	Solid-Fuel Rocket Construction
1	Investigating Average Velocity
2	Investigating Energy I
1	Calculating Apogee – Similar Triangles
2	Designing Fins
2	Engineering Challenge I
1	Investigating Maximum Velocity
2	Investigating Energy II
1	Calculating Apogee – Trigonometry
2	Determining Optimum Ballast
2	Engineering Challenge II



#### WATER ROCKETS

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HOURS	GRADES 6-8
<b>Wate</b>	r Rockets Teacher's Guide
2	Water Rocket Construction
1	Fuel Pressure Testing I
1	Fuel Pressure Analysis I
1	Fuel Volume Testing I
1	Fuel Volume Analysis I
1	Computing Apogee I
3	Fin Design I
1	Fuel Pressure Testing II
1	Fuel Pressure Analysis II
1	Fuel Volume Testing II
1	Fuel Volume Analysis II
1	Computing Apogee II
3	Fin Design II

Suggested course of activities

# STRAW, SOLID-FUEL, AND WATER ROCKETS HOURS GRADES 6-8 User Guide (construction and testing only) 2 Water Rocket Construction 2 Water Rocket Testing

2	Water Rocket Construction
2	Water Rocket Testing
2	Straw Rocket Construction
2	Straw Rocket Testing
2	Solid-Fuel Rocket Construction
2	Solid-Fuel Rocket Testing

Suggested course of activities





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# SOLAR CARS



#### **SUNEZOON SOLAR CAR**

HOURS	GRADES 6-8
Sun	Ezoon Cars Teacher's Guide
1	Solar Car Construction
1	Investigating Gears
1	Measuring Speed
2	Graphing Distance vs Time
2	Changing Gears
2	Engineering Challenge I
1	Investigating Gears II
1	Calculating Acceleration
2	Graphing Speed vs Time
2	Fast Gears
2	Engineering Challenge II

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# STRUCTURES



# **LARGE STRUCTURES**

#### HOURS

#### **GRADES K-2**



Large Structures Elementary STEM Activity Guides (2-Pack)

1 Large Structures Building Basics  1 Vol. 1, Lesson 1: Relating Plane Shapes to Solid Shapes  1 Vol. 1, Lesson 2: Creating Shapes Using Defining Attributes  1 Vol. 1, Challenge: Making Connections  2 Vol. 2, Lesson 1: Engineering the ABCs  2 Vol. 2, Lesson 2: Building Geometric Solid Sense  Vol. 2, Challenge: Building Geometric Bridge Challenge		•
Shapes to Solid Shapes  Vol. 1, Lesson 2: Creating Shapes Using Defining Attributes  Vol. 1, Challenge: Making Connections  Vol. 2, Lesson 1: Engineering the ABCs  Vol. 2, Lesson 2: Building Geometric Solid Sense  Vol. 2, Challenge: Building Geometric	1	Large Structures Building Basics
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Vol. 2, Challenge: Building Geometric	2	Vol. 2, Lesson 1: Engineering the ABCs
	2	Vol. 2, Lesson 2: Building Geometric Solid Sense
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Suggested course of activities



GRADES 3-5		
Straw Structures Elementary STEM Activity Guide		
Straw Structure Construction		
Lesson 1: Simple Shapes, Strong Structures		
Lesson 2: Skyscrapers and Forces		
Challenge: Skyscraper Challenge		



# **EXPLORING STRUCTURES IN LITERATURE**

HOURS	GRADES K-2	
Linki	ng Literature to Structures – Teacher Book	
2	Introduction to Structures in Literature	
2	Sailing for Souvenirs We're Sailing Down the Nile by Laurie Krebs and Anne Wilson	
2	<b>Direct That Golf Ball</b> Curious George Plays Mini Golf adapted by Marcy Goldberg Sacks	
2	Mudge's Terrific Tree House Henry and Mudge and the Tall Tree House by Cynthia Rylant	
2	Pigeon Perch Curious George Builds a Home adapted by Monica Perez	
2	Swift Swine Sled Design The Three Little Pigs' Sledding Adventure by Stephen Krensky	
1	Unit Wrap-Up	

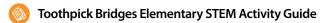
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HOURS	GRADES 3-5
Linki	ng Literature to Structures – Teacher Book
2	Introduction to Structures Engineering Challenges
3	<b>Everlasting Egyptians</b> <i>Mummies Made in Egypt</i> by Aliki
3	<b>Lunch Lifter</b> <i>Mama Provi and the Pot of Rice</i> by Sylvia Rosa-Casanova
3	Personal Palace If I Built a House by Chris Van Dusen
3	<b>Trust the Trusses</b> Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing by April Jones Prince
3	Simple Siege Castle Under Siege! by Andrew Solway
1	Unit Wrap-Up



## **TOOTHPICK BRIDGES**

#### HOURS GRADES 3-5



- 2 Lesson 1: Bridges: What Are They Good For?
- 1 Lesson 2: Bridges and Newton's Third Law
- 3 Lesson 3: Building a Bridge (need to allot time for drying)

#### HOURS GRADES 6-8

Tootl	hpick Bridges Teacher's Guide
3	<b>Investigating Shapes and Strength</b>

- 3 Bridge Construction
- 1 Calculating Efficiency
- 3 Maximizing Load Capacity
- 4 Engineering Challenge I
- 3 Investigating Static Forces
- 2 Calculating Building Costs
- 2 Maximizing Efficiency
- 3 Engineering Challenge II

Suggested course of activities

# **BALSA BRIDGES**

HOURS	GRADES 6-8
Balsa	a Bridges Teacher's Guide
1	Investigating Beam Strength
2	Testing Joint Strength
3	Designing a Bridge (need to allot time for drying)
4	Engineering Challenge I
2	Investigating Lamination
2	Testing Joint Strength II
2	Designing for Efficiency
8	Engineering Challenge II

Suggested course of activities

## TOOTHPICK AND BALSA BRIDGES

HOURS	GRADES 6-8	
User Guide (construction and testing only)		
2	Toothpick Bridge Construction	
4	Balsa Bridge Construction	
2	Finish Bridge Construction	
2	Toothpick Bridge Testing	
2	Balsa Bridge Testing	





## **BALLOON CARS**

	HOURS	GRADES 3-5	
Balloon Car Elementary STEM Activity Guide			
	2	Balloon Car Construction	
	1	Balloon Car Testing	
	2	Lesson 1: Go the Distance	
	2	Lesson 2: Fold-Up Speed Racer	
	2	Challenge: Transformation	

Suggested course of activities

## **AP BOTTLE RACERS**

HOURS	GRADES 3-8
User Guide (construction and testing only)	
2	AP Bottle Racer Construction
1	AP Bottle Racer Testing I
2	AP Bottle Racer Construction – Improvements
1	AP Bottle Racer Testing II
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Suggested course of activities

## **FOLD-N-ROLL RACERS**

GRADES 0-8		
Fold-N-Roll Vehicles Teacher's Guide		
Fold-N-Roll Construction		
Determining Momentum		
Calculating Average Velocity		
Designing a Fold-N-Roll Pattern		
Engineering Challenge I		
Determining Effects of Height on PE		
Calculating Material Costs		
Designing a Vehicle		
Engineering Challenge II		

Suggested course of activities





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	HOURS	<b>GRADES 3-5</b>
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**KaZoon Kites Elementary STEM Activity Guide** 

2 **KaZoon Kite Construction** 

**Lesson 1: Geometry in Action** 

1 Lesson 2: High-Flying Fun

2 Challenge: Kite Challenge

#### **GRADES 6-8 HOURS**

≪ KaZ	oon Kites Teacher's Guide
2	KaZoon Kite Construction

**Comparing Size and Lift** 1

1 **Calculating Area and Volume** 

2 Designing a Tetrahedral Kite

1 **Engineering Challenge I** 

2 **Determining How Size Affects Flight** 

1 **Calculating Density** 

2 **Designing Polyhedral Kites** 

**Engineering Challenge II** 

Suggested course of activities

#### **PARACHUTES**

#### HOURS GRADES 3-5



2 **Parachute Construction** 

2 Lesson 1: Testing Shroud Length

2 Lesson 2: Parachute Targeting

2 Lesson 3: Parachute Size



#### **PARACHUTES**

#### HOURS GRADES 6-8

Parachutes Teacher's Guide

2 Parachute Construction

1 Determining Load Capacity

2 Calculating Velocity and Acceleration

2 Designing an Egg Parachute

1 Engineering Challenge I

1 Testing Parachute Area and Speed

1 Testing Parachute Shape

2 Designing an Egg Parachute II

3 Engineering Challenge II

Suggested course of activities



### **HOT-AIR BALLOONS**

#### HOURS GRADES 6-8

Hot-Air Balloon Teacher's Guide

Hot-Air Balloon Construction

Working with Surface Area

Analyzing Balloon Flight

Investigating Balloon Physics

Engineering Challenge I

Varying Volumes

Investigating Gas Laws

3 Engineering Challenge II

**Designing for Payloads** 

Suggested course of activities

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# PARACHUTES AND HOT-AIR BALLOONS

# HOI-AIR BALLOON HOURS GRADES 6-8

User Guide (construction and testing only)

Parachute Construction
 Parachute Testing
 Hot-Air Balloon Construction
 Hot-Air Balloon Testing

# SIEGE MACHINGES



## **EZ CATAPULTS**

HOURS	<b>GRADES 3-5</b>

**EZ Catapult Elementary STEM Activity Guide** 

2 EZ Catapult Construction

2 Lesson 1: Which One Would You Choose? Part 1

Lesson 2: Which One Would You Choose? Part 2

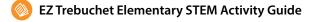
2 Challenge: Building Walls Challenge

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#### **EZ TREBUCHETS**

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#### **GRADES 3-5**



2 EZ Trebuchet Construction

2 Lesson 1: Testing String Length

1 Lesson 2: Testing Mass

1 Challenge: Target Challenge

Suggested course of activities



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# **CATAPULTS**

#### HOURS GRADES 6-8

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Catal	pults Teacher's Guide	
2	Catapult Construction	
1	Relating Speed and Mass	
1	Transportation Design	
2	Measuring Elasticity	
4	Engineering Challenge I	
1	Calculating Altitude	
2	Relating Force and Range	
3	Modifying the Catapult	
7	Engineering Challenge II	

Suggested course of activities

#### EZ CATAPULTS AND EZ TREBUCHETS

#### HOURS GRADES 3-5

User Guide (construction and testing only)

**EZ Trebuchet Testing** 

2	EZ Catapult Construction
1	EZ Catapult Testing
2	EZ Trebuchet Construction



## **TREBUCHETS**

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#### **GRADES 6-8**



2	Trebuchet Construction
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- 1 Investigating Effects of Ammunition Mass
- 1 Calculating Potential Energy
- 2 Modifying the Trebuchet I
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**Engineering Challenge I** 

- 2 Finding Initial Velocity
- 2 Relating Mass and Range
- 2 Modifying the Trebuchet II
- 2 Engineering Challenge II

Suggested course of activities





HOURS GRADES 6-8

User Guide (construction and testing only)

- 2 Catapult Construction
- 1 Catapult Testing
- 2 Trebuchet Construction
- 1 Trebuchet Testing



#### SAIL CAR

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Sail Car Elementary STEM Activity Guide

2 Sail Car Construction

2 Lesson 1: Sailing Away

2 Lesson 2: Sail Off into the Distance

2 Lesson 3: Need for Speed

2 Challenge: Obstacle Course

Suggested course of activities

#### **CHALLENGEPAK**

#### HOURS GRADES 3-8 **Activity Guide** Challenge: Balloon-Powered Vehicle 1 **Balloon-Powered Vehicle Competition** 2 Challenge: Egg-Drop Vehicle 1 **Egg-Drop Vehicle Competition** 2 **Challenge: Mousetrap Vehicle** 1 **Mousetrap Vehicle Competition** 2 Challenge: Mousetrap Missile Launcher **Mousetrap Missile Competition**

Suggested course of activities

#### **INVENTION EXPLORE-A-PAK**

HOURS	GRADES 3-8		
User Guide (construction and testing only)			
1	Prompt 1: General Problem with Many Solutions		
2	Prompt 2: Specific Problem with Guidelines		
1	1 Prompt 3: The Word Problem		
2	Prompt 4: The Memo		

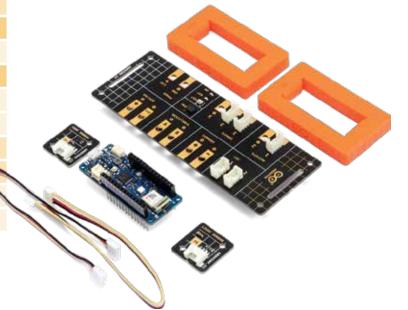
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#### **EGG DROP**

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HOURS	GRADES 6-8	
Egg-Drop Vehicles Teacher's Guide		
2	Egg-Drop Vehicle Construction	
2	2 Calculating Density	
2	Determining Velocity	
3	Designing an Egg-Strength Tester	
5	Engineering Challenge I	
2	Calculating Potential Energy and Kinetic Energy	
4	4 Determining Vehicle Volume	
5	5 Designing a Vehicle	
5	Engineering Challenge II	



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1	Lesson 2: Electric Fortune Teller	
1.5	Lesson 3: Buzz Wire	
1	Lesson 4: Haunted House Theremin	
1.5	Lesson 5: Thermo Magic Show	
1.5	Lesson 6: The Drop Zone	
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1.5	1.5 Lesson 9: The Ejection Seat	
1.5	Lesson 10: The Spherotron	
<b>NOTE:</b> Use sensors to collect data for scientific experiments.		



# NOTES



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