



2017 NWTC SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FESTIVAL

MIND TREKKERS EVENT SUMMARY FEBRUARY 16 & 17, 2017

Hello!

Thank you for all of the hard work you and your team dedicated to making this event happen, from start to finish. Events of this nature absolutely require community investment, and the leadership and purposeful effort you have put towards this project has manifested in the successful delivery of an experience your students and families won't soon forget. You can rest assured that together we have provided a spark in many young minds, giving them insight into the opportunities a career in STEM can offer. It was a pleasure partnering with you, and equally exciting to engage in making a difference in your community.

-Mind Trekkers

THE EVENT

Estimated Total Attendance: 2200

Number of Demonstrations: 60



Partnership: 6 departments within **Northeast Wisconsin Technical College** came together to put on demonstrations for the students as well as local volunteers to host additional Mind Trekkers activities. All different areas of STEM were represented to put on an event that was exciting and informative to those of all ages.

OUR IMPACT

Students and teachers were surveyed after the event to assess the event's impact. In just a two hour session, we were able to make a dramatic impact on those who attended.

96% of teachers felt the format of this event promoted learning and student engagement

92% of teachers this event offered activities and resources to them and their class that normally wouldn't be able to be provided.



74% of students are **more interested** in attending college

73% of students are **more interested** in science

60% of students are **more interested** in technology

50% of students are **more interested** in engineering

66% of students think about what scientists and engineers do in a different way



TAKE IT FROM THEM

From the students:

- “I used to think being a scientist was boring but now I realize being a scientist is fun and you get to experiment a lot”
- “I thought that science was just work, but you get to do fun experiments”



From the teachers:

73% of teachers intend on using our resources to find activities they can do in their classrooms and will share activities they saw at the event with other teachers.

“The engaging activities and the representation of different fields to allowed students a first look at what careers will interest them”

For photos of the event, visit our Flickr page: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/michigantechyp/albums>