



## The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual STEA<sup>2</sup>M Fair at Fairplex Blows the Lid off Exploring Invention. Innovation. Creation.

**Pomona, CA (Feb. 10, 2020)** – We know the wheels on the bus go ‘round and ‘round, but how? And what makes Pokémon go? And what about bugs – are they really the next big source of protein? Discover answers to all those questions, and lots more, at the second annual **STEA<sup>2</sup>M Fair – EXTREME STEAM. EXTREME FUN.** at Fairplex.

Join legions of current and future scientists, artists and techies as they explore the depths of STEA<sup>2</sup>M fact and fiction with a fun-filled day chock full of hands-on activities, workshops, demonstrations and experiments Saturday, March 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is **free** but guests must register for tickets at Fairplex.com. Field trips are available for schools on Friday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Most of the activities are aligned with Common Core Standards. Teachers may register at Fairplex.com.

Saturday’s special guest is internationally known **Science Bob**, who will present the world of science like you’ve never seen. Science Bob Pflugfelder is a science teacher, author, maker and presenter. He is a regular guest on Jimmy Kimmel Live!, Live With Kelly and Ryan, The Dr. Oz Show, and Nickelodeon’s Nicky, Ricky, Dicky and Dawn. His television appearances also include The Today Show, Hack My Life, Good Morning America, Home & Family and others. Science Bob continues his work through presentations at events around the world including the USA Science & Engineering Festival, the World Science Festival, The White House Science Fair and Maker Faire events in the US, Rome, and Singapore. Don’t miss Science Bob’s extreme experiments!

There’s so much to learn at STEA<sup>2</sup>M Fair – Extreme Steam. Extreme Fun.:

What’s the science behind soap? We’ll come clean with the answer.

What does a cricket taste like? Salty, crunchy, and the antennae act as natural dental floss.

Can we travel through time? Indeed, through the stories of master storyteller Jim Cogan who captures the adventures of the past century’s greatest inventors and innovators.

STEA<sup>2</sup>M Fair knows no bounds! And neither will youngsters when they leave, excited to further explore the discoveries and ideas behind science, technology, engineering, art, agriculture and mathematics.

“STEAM education is so important for students. STEM jobs are expected to grow by 16 percent in the U.S., and they are some of the higher-earning careers. The key is to grab children’s attention when they are young and steer them toward STEAM,” said Miguel A. Santana, President and CEO of Fairplex.

Education is part of Fairplex's mission and the STEA<sup>2</sup>M event is the only one of its kind in the Inland Empire, eastern San Gabriel Valley and northern Orange County.

Visit with the Discovery Cube to learn about science and physics. Or learn how germs spread, and how to keep them at bay, with a glow-in-the dark activity from the California Department of Food and Agriculture. Learn about 3-D Printing, seed germination, zoology, interactive robotics and more with the team from Cal Poly Pomona, one of the leading science and agriculture universities in the country. Check out the inflatable Mars Rover from NASA and JPL, and so much more! A complete list of activities can be found at [www.fairplex.com/steam](http://www.fairplex.com/steam).

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