

# Imagine Nation receives \$1,500 grant to promote STEM

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BRISTOL – Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center has received a \$1,500 grant from James R. Parker Trust at the Main Street Foundation. This will allow them to promote STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) opportunities for Burlington residents.

"We are grateful to the James R. Parker Trust at the Main Street Community Foundation for the continued support and giving us the opportunity to offer these complimentary programs to Burlington families," said Tamara Bross, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol, which includes Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center.



Children at Imagine Nation, a Museum Early Learning Center. -Imagine Nation, a Musuem Early Learning Center

Bross said that the "multi-faceted program" will provide opportunities for Burlington families to benefit from "high quality learning experiences" at Imagine Nation.

In addition, outreach programming will be held at the Burlington Public Library's children's department and at Lake Garda Elementary School in Burlington, where a Boys & Girls Club of Bristol school-based program operates.

In addition, Burlington residents will also be able to participate in a new stargazing program on Nov. 10. The "Junior Ranger Night Explorer" program, offered in conjunction with The National Informal STEM Education Network (NISE Net), will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Imagine Nation, A Museum Early Learning Center, located at 1 Pleasant St.

"Children will get the opportunity to use a telescope to view the stars and moon, learn about how stars are formed, create a mission on how to get to the moon using story blocks, create a stomp rocket that glows as it soars through the air, and make decorate and enjoy a star cookie," said D'Andre Esposito, director of community partnerships at the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol. "All children will also go home with a Junior Ranger Night Explorer activity guide and clothing patch."

The Junior Ranger Night Explorer program is limited to the first 50 Burlington residents that register.

To register, call Jennifer Johnston at 860-314-1400 or email [Jennifer.johnston@imagination.org](mailto:Jennifer.johnston@imagination.org).

For more information about the Boys & Girls Club of Bristol, visit [bbgc.org](http://bbgc.org).

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