

STEMFest 2025



STEM Fest is a regional beacon of discovery and a destination for the curious, bringing the next generation of innovators, researchers and dreamers to our campus.

Visitors by the numbers

5,000+

Attendees

FROM

100

Communities

INCLUDING

1,000+

K-12 Students on
School Field Trips

traveling as far as 200 miles!

125
Exhibits in
11 Zones

Exploration Hall

Health and Wellness

Innovation Studio

Robotics Expo

Environmental Innovation

Artist's Playground

Haunted Lab

Tot Spot

STEAM Studio

STEAM Stories

STEM Fest Stage

Exhibitors included

40 Professional
Organizations

AND

60 Student Organizations
and Professors

FROM

6 NIU Colleges and
Academic Departments



"This was an amazing and engaging experience. We loved the hand-on activities."



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STEM Fest Satisfaction Soared

96% Met or Exceeded Expectations
 96% Would Visit Us Again
 98% Would Bring a Friend
 95% Would Encourage Students to Explore STEM
95% Would Recommend Attending NIU
 35% Were First Time Attendees
 8% Attended 16 Years in a Row



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"STEM Fest is a nice program. It helps you to know and feel things you have not seen or touch before. Things like the heart etc."

"It is a great experience, and great efforts for organizing the biggest event of northern Illinois."

"Wealth of different careers to explore."

"My family and I truly enjoyed our experience! We can't wait to join next year."



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