

**DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative – Overview of Vivify STEM & Space Club  
DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative Collaborating Organization  
As of 20 April 2023**

**To: DHEDF National Rural STEM Initiative Participating Schools**

**From: Wayne I. Fagan, DHEDF Chair**

**Date: 20 April 2023**

**Subject: Summary of info received from Vivify STEM & Space Club and posted to DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative Private Pages for Participating Schools**

**Resources designed for use in Grades: K-8**

**Team:**

**Introduction:**

On 30 March 2023, Natasha Wilkerson was our guest speaker on the monthly call of the DHEDF Participating School Leadership . Natasha’s role’s with Vivify STEM and Space Club as well as the link to the recording of that call are as follows:

**Natasha Wilkerson**

Co-Founder, Director of Space Club  
Vivify Stem Education  
DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative Collaborating Organization  
<https://www.vivifystem.com/>

Zoom link to recording of Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6\\_Mf7tUq1sY3SJMce1GeaAhukVqSMFYCoHdRwrzE-js00sV1MAXE-NizQMoWd1FP.a-ZeXa3zap2\\_aeYa](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/6_Mf7tUq1sY3SJMce1GeaAhukVqSMFYCoHdRwrzE-js00sV1MAXE-NizQMoWd1FP.a-ZeXa3zap2_aeYa)

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As a first step to learning more about Vivify STEM and Space Club and putting in context the materials of both referenced herein, I would encourage you to first view Natasha’s presentation which was enthusiastically received. Following Natasha’s presentation, she made available to me the following documents to share with you. I have set out below the name of each document, where it is posted on the Private pages of the DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative, Natasha’s introductory comment, and my introductory comment, respectively.

**1) Vivify STEM and Space Club Documents**

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**a) Space Club**

- i) See Space Club Program Overview at <https://dhedf.org/teacher-resources/category/vivify-stem>;
- ii) Comment by Natasha Wilkerson: **Space Club:** Schools are invited to apply for a Teacher Grant to get free access to the Space Club Educator's Portal. This program includes year-long space themed STEM curriculum for K - 8 grades. Space Club is a turnkey and low-prep program that includes packaged lessons with videos and handouts for students, kits, training videos, and interviews with STEM professionals. Schools can also enroll in the Space Colony Competition to design a habitat in space and get feedback from STEM professionals.
- iii) Comment by Wayne Fagan after conferring with Natasha Wilkerson: Space Club will award one teacher grant per DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative Participating School if you will apply for the grant [ instructions are on the website]and identify yourself as a Participating School in the DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative.

**b) Become a STEM Space Member**

- i) See “Become a STEM Space Member” at <https://dhedf.org/teacher-resources/category/vivify-stem>;
- ii) Comment by Natasha Wilkerson: **The STEM Space:** Are you looking for low-prep, high-quality, and engaging STEM units? Vivify offers an annual membership to teachers for access to an extension collection of K-8 STEM lessons along with professional development videos and classroom resources.
- iii) Comment by Wayne Fagan after conferring with Natasha Wilkerson: With regard to the info on the STEM Space Flyer, regrettably, currently there are no grants available from DHEDF or Vivify STEM for the resources shown on this flyer.

**2) Additional sources of information about Vivify STEM and/or Space Club**

- a) Search for Vivify STEM and /or Space Club in the DHEDF General Search engine at <https://dhedf.org/search?f=2>
- b) Search for Vivify STEM and/or Space Club in the Private Pages of the DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative Discussion Group at <https://dhedf.org/forum/search/vivify%20stem>
- c) Subscribe to updates from Vivify STEM at <https://www.vivifystem.com/>

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**We are grateful to Natasha Wilkerson and the Vivify STEM and Space Club teams for their commitment to STEM Education in general, the great resources they make available to the public, and their collaboration with the DHEDF Rural STEM Initiative. As DHEDF becomes aware of additional resources from Vivify STEM and /or Space Club this document will be supplemented from time to time.**

**Caveat:** From time to time, as in this case, DHEDF will share opportunities with you or make recommendations to you. It is totally up to you whether you wish to take advantage of those opportunities, DHEDF makes them in good faith, but they may not fit with your programing. DHEDF also wants to make it very clear that DHEDF has no financial interest in nor does it receive any financial benefit from any of the products or services we suggest to you for your evaluation.

If you have any questions concerning any of the foregoing or any other questions about DHEDF in general or the Rural STEM Initiative **please contact me, Wayne I. Fagan, at (210)570-7888 or [wifagan@wifagan.com](mailto:wifagan@wifagan.com)**

Thank you again for your participation in the DHEDF National Rural STEM Initiative, we are honored to have you, your schools, and your students as part of this Initiative.

Wayne I. Fagan | Chair  
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