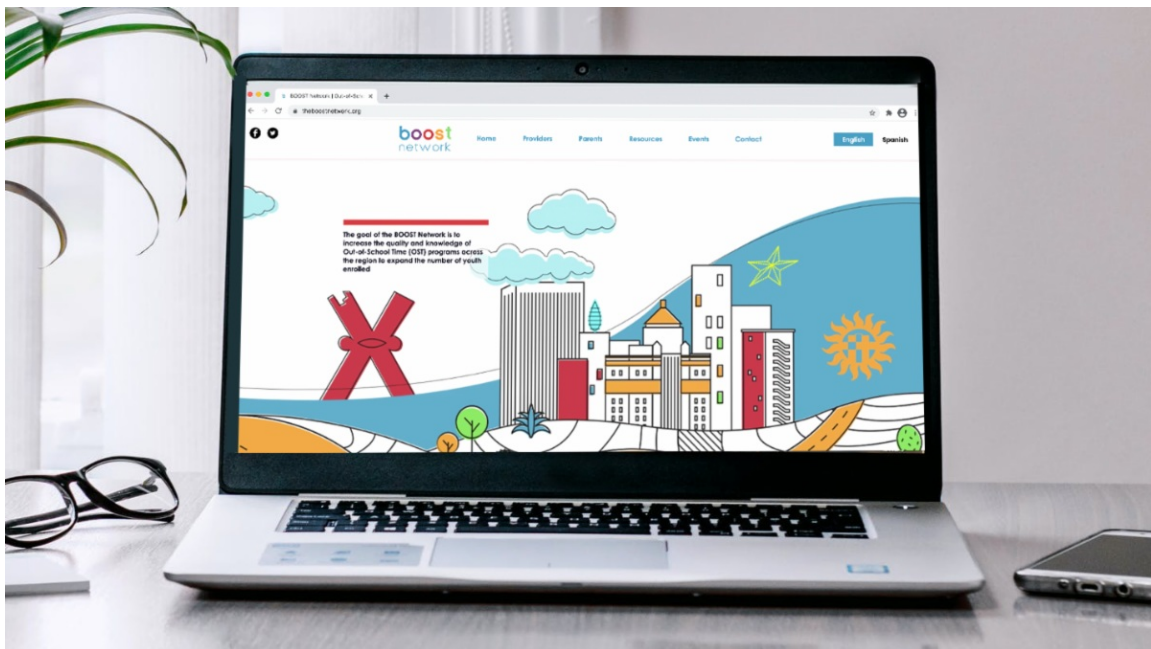


March Quarterly Meeting Recap



Making Connections between BOOST OST Providers and Families

Last week, BOOST announced the launch of our redesigned [website](#) that better connects out-of-school time (OST) providers with families in our communities and features new resources for both parents and OST providers. We also launched new branding that reflects the vibrancy and energy of the programs you provide to youth in our region. The new Find a Provider page on our website allows parents to find information and connect directly with BOOST Network OST provider websites. If you aren't already listed, please complete the short information survey, provided in [English](#) and [Spanish](#), and submit your logo to BOOST in order to be added to the list. If you have any questions, please contact Enrique Garcia at egarcia@unitedwayelpaso.org.

We joyfully welcome [Boys and Girls Club of Otero County](#), [Community Action Agency of Southern New Mexico's Kids Can Program](#), [Desarrollo Juvenil del Norte](#), [Mech Robotix](#), [Red Tira Paro](#), and [Centro de Estudios Industria 4.0](#) as they have all attended their first network meeting. BOOST is also greatly appreciative of recurring members and OST providers who reconnected during the Quarterly Meeting.

The useful and fun Brain Breaks that were discussed during our Quarterly Meeting are available on the [OST Library](#).

Member Highlights & Activities

Virtual Field Trips

[Fab Lab of El Paso](#) is offering an online field trip alternative for elementary, middle, and high school teachers who are looking for a creative STEM learning opportunity for their students. Visit fablabeledpaso.org/virtual to schedule your next field trip in 3D printing, robotics, or virtual reality. As an added bonus, students who participate in workshops will be eligible to submit their in-class project to an end-of-semester [Creative STEM Mini Challenge](#).



Free Virtual Day Camps

[The Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest](#) is having a free sign-up event that is open to all girls grades 2 - 8 that live in West Texas and Southern New Mexico. The free virtual day camp will include time for the girls to learn and participate in fun and engaging outdoor art activities including photography, drawing with textures, nature designs, music, rock painting, and building an art garden. Sign up here for [session two](#) and [session three](#).



The Big Race

Join [Big Brothers Big Sisters of El Paso](#) this April as a participant or a sponsor for *The Big Race*, a virtual walk/run to support life-changing, one-to-one mentoring for at-risk youth in El Paso. Get more details about the virtual race and learn how to participate [here](#).



Professional Development & Funding Opportunities



2021 OST-LI Free Virtual Spring Training Series

The [New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network](#) will be hosting an OST Leadership Institute Spring Training Series beginning on March 15 and runs through May. This free five-part professional development opportunity is for individuals, providers, and community members that work with children and youth in the out-of-school time sector. Please note that you must register for each session separately and can register for as many sessions as you like. Click [here](#) to find the OST-LI page with the full list of session descriptions & information on registration.

Using The Walking Classroom in After School: Live Webinar

Join [The Walking Classroom](#) for a [free webinar](#) on March 23 to learn about their engaging program that OST providers can easily implement in an in-person, virtual, and hybrid learning environment. Also, each attendee will receive a free copy of their electronic guide that includes lesson plans and program guidance.



Making An Impact Through Exploration and Discovery

[National Geographic](#) has partnered with the [Charles Stewart Mott Foundation](#) to make learning come alive after school. The two organizations have created immersive and virtual learning experiences, specifically for afterschool educators and students. Additionally, educators are invited to learn how to create engaging lessons in biodiversity through [BioBlitz webinars](#). Starting March 10, afterschool educators can attend virtual workshops that demonstrate how to teach students to safely explore their local environments, no matter the setting. Learn more and sign up [here](#).

Help the Texas Partnership for Out-of-School Time (TXPOST) serve you and the kids you serve better by taking this [10-minute survey](#) now and have a chance to win a \$100 Amazon gift card. 10 winners will be selected at random when the survey closes on March 31, 2021.

The important information you supply via this survey will help TXPOST advocate for and support the OST field, providing you with the resources you need most, facilitating stronger professional learning

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