



*Lights On Afterschool 2015 Local Events
A Representative Sample*

Alabama

Birmingham, Alabama: Afterschool Ambassador Michael Wilson, Glen Iris Elementary School, 205-231-7442, mwilson@bhm.k12.al.us

Glen Iris Elementary School and the Birmingham Regional Empowerment and Development Center held “A Taste of Southside” on October 9th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The celebration ran from 5:00 to 9:00 PM and featured an outdoor concert, a moonwalk, a family movie and games for the kids. Food trucks and vendors provided refreshments for the crowd of nearly 2,000 people.

Birmingham, Alabama: Afterschool Ambassador Erika Eatmon, Birmingham Regional Empowerment and Development Center, 205-796-0550, breadee@bellsouth.net
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Birmingham Regional Empowerment and Development (BREAD) Center will take its afterschool students to the McWane Science Center on October 21st at 1:00 PM. The kids will enjoy a Science Spectacular Show and explore the Student Adventure Hall and Museum. The next day, on October 22nd, members of the Science Center’s Outreach Program will visit the BREAD Pratt City afterschool site to lead the students in two fun and interactive STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) workshops: Liquid Labs and Enlightening Electricity. Liquid Labs explores the properties of liquids, including cohesion and density, and Enlightening Electricity discusses the differences between a conductor and an insulator and between static and current electricity, how circuits work and more.

Birmingham, Alabama: Elizabeth Sklivis, Central Park Elementary School Before and After School Care Program, 205-231-2190, Frecklessklivis@gmail.com
For its 11th annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, Central Park Elementary School Before and After School Care Program will hold an open house for the community. Members of the school board and the city council will read a story to the children and participants will sign lightbulbs. To try and prevent bullying, student artwork depicting what bullying means will be displayed and attendees will sign a pledge and wear “Bullying Stops Here” badges. There will also be tri-fold exhibits with facts about bullying and afterschool programs. The open house will run from 3:30 to 5:00 PM on October 22nd at Central Park Elementary School and more than 50 people will attend.

Luverne, Alabama: LaFreda Griffin, Soar High Academy, 334-335-6519 x207, lgriffin@crenshaw-schools.org
Soar High Academy will hold its first ever *Lights On Afterschool* open house at Highland Home School on October 22nd from 4:30 to 5:45 PM. The event will feature three motivational speakers who will speak to the benefits of afterschool programs: Luverne Mayor Bernie Sullivan, Chief of Police Titus Averitt and education consultant Judy Manning. Students will display some of their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects, such as bridges and robots,

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and perform a play and a recital. As many as 100 people will attend the event, including County Commission Chairman Ricky McElwain, Board of Education members Bertha Jones and Steve Jackson, Probate Judge Jim Tate and District Judge Thomas Sport.

New Brockton, Alabama: Angela Oakes, New Brockton Community Learning Center, 334-894-6152, oakesa@coffeecounty.k12.al.us

On October 22nd, New Brockton Community Learning Center will hold an open house at New Brockton Elementary School to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The program's nutrition/health center will hand out nutritional trail mix and a booklet on safe camping tips in keeping with the event's theme, "Camping in the Wilderness." Daycare students will work on a fall-themed art project, the school's cheerleaders and mascot will lead a drug-free pep rally and a local nurse will provide blood pressure checks and give advice on how to stay healthy during cold and flu season. Throughout the event, parents will visit each room of the program and witness the various enrichment activities their children take part in at the afterschool program. Participants will also have the chance to enter contests to win school-spirit prizes like t-shirts. As many as 150 people will attend the open house, which will run from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Kat Souser, South East Regional Resource Center, 907-349-0651, kats@serrc.org

On October 13th, South East Regional Resource Center held a family and community welcome event in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 100 students, parents, staff, administrators, prominent community members and local media attended the celebration at the June Nelson Elementary School from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Participants listened to student presentations about the importance of afterschool programs and heard from several community guest speakers, including Kotzebue Boys & Girls Club director Arnika Harris, on-site tutor Janice Hadly and June Nelson Assistant Principal Patrick Henry. Staff also took time to explain the center's goals for the rest of the year. The event featured a family dinner and attendees enjoyed an inflatable boot camp obstacle course and team building games.

Anchorage, Alaska: Fran O'Donnell, 21st Century Community Learning Centers at Alaska Native Cultural Charter School, 907-742-4410, o'donnell_fran@asdk12.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program at Alaska Native Cultural Charter School will host 11 different events ranging from family science nights to carnivals. One event, called "Connectivity = Parent Power," will be held at the school on October 27th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. At this event, the Yuraq dance group will perform an Alaska Native song and dance while the Alaska Museum of Science and Nature will provide "Fun Physics" and "It's Shocking" science activities for the kids. On October 29th, Ptarmigan Elementary will hold another event featuring student poems, dances and writings from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Participants will also receive a free book. Some 50 to 300 people will attend each of the 11 events.

Eagle River, Alaska: Tracey Hupe, Boys & Girls Club, 907-694-5437, thupe@bgcalaska.org

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The Eagle River Boys & Girls Club will host an open house featuring a family-style dinner and a movie for students, parents and community members in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Attendees will enjoy spaghetti, salad and garlic bread while watching a kid-friendly movie. Parents will also receive take-home food boxes and ideas for simple games to play around the dinner table with their children. Guest speaker Darrin Kerschner, the past president of community partner Sleeping Lady Mountain Lions, a career education counselor at Joint Base Elmendorf–Richardson and a retired chief warrant officer of the Coast Guard, will talk about how afterschool programs keep youths safe and aid struggling single parents. The event will take place on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Thomas Azzarella, Alaska Afterschool Network, 907-248-7371, tazzarella@akafterschool.org

The Alaska Afterschool Network kicked off *Lights On Afterschool* nationwide on October 12th with a special event featuring U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski and Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. Senator Murkowski and other guests received a student-led tour of the Hunter Elementary School afterschool program from 4:00 to 5:00 PM to see first-hand the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities students were working on and to talk with students about what they're learning in the program. Senator Murkowski and Grant each delivered [remarks about the importance of afterschool programs](#), as did a number of other guest speakers: Fairbanks North Star Borough School District (FNSBSD) Superintendent Dr. Karen Gaborik, Alaska Afterschool Network Director Thomas Azzarella, FNSBSD After-School Programs Director and Afterschool Ambassador Julie Wild-Curry and a local parent. Approximately 80 students and 50 parents and community members attended the event.



Fairbanks, Alaska: Jennifer Arseneau, University of Alaska Museum of the North, 907-474-6948, j.arseneau@alaska.edu

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, University of Alaska Museum of the North will host a family night on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Families will enjoy yoga and drumming demonstrations from the museum's partners, 4-H Alaska program and University of Alaska Fairbanks Cooperative Extension, and dances from various school districts' afterschool students. Attendees will also participate in creative challenges like solving riddles and building bridges from recycled materials. As many as 100 people will attend the festivities.

Skagway, Alaska: Katherine Nelson, Skagway Recreation Center, 907-983-2679, k.nelson@skagway.org

On October 22nd, the Skagway Recreation Center will hold an open house complete with rock climbing, rollerblading, arts and crafts and gym games for students and parents to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will color pages to enter in the Halloween Carnival coloring contest, which will take place on October 24th. They will also make crafts using leaves and pinecones and play capture the flag, dodgeball and Red Light Green Light. The event will feature free pizza and popcorn and a number of door prizes courtesy of Broadway Video, Skagway ACE Hardware Store and Pizza Station. The celebration will run from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and some 30 people are expected to attend.

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Arizona

Gilbert, Arizona: Lauren Seematter, Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley Gilbert Branch, 480-813-2020, laurens@clubzona.org

The Gilbert Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the East Valley will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd with a carnival, a talent showcase and tutoring/academics. The activities for 200 kids and parents include painting, decorating and hanging lightbulbs, a bounce house, face painting and the talent showcase with singers, dancers and musicians. In addition, there will be science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) demonstrations including robotics provided by General Dynamics and Mind Craft technology expedition. Parents will also have the chance to tour the facility. Refreshments will be provided at the event, which will run from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

Glendale, Arizona: Mark Cobb, Luke Youth Programs, Luke Airforce Base, 623-856-7470, mark.cobb.1@us.af.mil

On October 15th, Luke Youth Programs at Luke Airforce Base celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house for all families on the base. Attendees received a tour of the state-of-the-art facility and had the opportunity to visit the learning centers and see the variety of programs and activities offered before and afterschool. In addition, the students performed martial arts and gymnastics demonstrations and participated in art and crafts activities, including coloring and decorating lightbulbs. Approximately 75 people attended the event from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Scottsdale, Arizona: Angela DiCicco, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale, 480-850-4453, angela.dicicco@bgcs.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Scottsdale Lehi Branch will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 28th with a Family Fun Night/Trunk or Treat event from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The Lehi Branch has a mini bus that will be decorated as a haunted house and staffers will dress up in Halloween costumes and decorate their cars, including the trunks which are left open. There will be games for the 100 expected guests and the kids will be given candy and treats.

Somerton, Arizona: Edith Benavides, Somerton Youth Center, 928-627-7024, edith.benavides@cityofsomerton.com

The Somerton Youth Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with 60 kids on October 23rd with a mini Olympic Games from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. The Games will include long jump, jump rope, running and more.

Tempe, Arizona: Jeremy King, Tempe Kid Zone Enrichment Program, 480-350-5487, jeremy_king@tempe.gov

On October 22nd, the Tempe Kid Zone Enrichment Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at all 17 of its afterschool sites with a "Lights On Glow Party." All 2,500 kids from across the sites will be given glow sticks and will light them up simultaneously at 4:00 PM in recognition of *Lights On*. There will be music and activities for all following the glow sticks lighting, including a dance competition and arts and crafts. The event will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and refreshments will be served.

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Tucson, Arizona: Chris Valdez, The Youth Corps of America, 520-312-9987, tycoa7@aol.com
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, two professional Ultimate Fighting Championship fighters will give Youth Corps of America students a tour of their boxing/mixed martial arts gym. The kids will see boxing and martial arts demos, get to play a variety of games and win prizes. As many as 100 people are expected. The event will run from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM on October 22nd at the Old School Gym.

Tucson, Arizona: Teri Mendez, Tucson Parks and Recreation, 520-837-8126, teri.mendez@tucsonaz.gov
Students and parents from all 20 of Tucson Parks and Recreation's KIDCO afterschool sites will gather for a special fourth annual *Lights On Afterschool* extravaganza on October 22nd. Participants from 12 programs will perform dances on stage while students from the other eight programs run game booths with an "around the world" theme. There will be food vendors available so attending families can enjoy snacks throughout the event. Tucson Parks and Recreation administrator Peg Weber will give a welcome speech to the 2,000 expected attendees. The celebration will be held at Reid Park from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

Arkansas

Gravette, Arkansas: Ashley Oosterman, Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County, 479-787-6524, ashley@bgcwbcc.org

Parents and teachers will gather at Gravette Upper Elementary School for the Boys & Girls Club of Western Benton County's 21st Century Community Learning Centers program open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include tables showcasing the work the children have been doing afterschool, and the program will provide snacks and drinks for attendees. The event will run from 2:00 to 5:00 PM on October 22nd, and approximately 100 people, including district superintendent Richard Page, will attend.

Jessieville, Arkansas: Erin Shurtleff, ASCENT, 501-984-4202, Erin.Shurtleff@jsdlions.net
In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Afterschool Care, Enrichment, Needs and Tutoring (ASCENT) hosted an open house at Jessieville Elementary on October 15th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM. Parents and students created Halloween crafts that incorporated what the students had learned about the ancient Celtic festival Samhain earlier that week. More than 200 people attended the event, including local and high school media.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Bettye Bennett, HFWC Positive Impact for Youth, 501-565-2779, Cbennett159@yahoo.com
Harvest Fellowship Worship Center (HFWC) Positive Impact for Youth will host a talent show and harvest festival in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will spotlight students' talents in singing, dancing and poetry and feature carnival games like bean bag and ring tosses, face painting and balloon animals. A DJ will play music for the crowd and there will be various concessions stands. Around 150 people will attend the carnival and show at the HFWC facility on October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

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Little Rock, Arkansas: Valerie Nix, Goodwill Industries of Arkansas, 501-372-5100 x1177, vnix@goodwillar.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Goodwill Industries of Arkansas hosted a fall festival to market its afterschool program to the community. The event started with a team building activity and then families participated in a pumpkin carving contest, lightbulb decorating, a bean bag toss, sack races, bobbing for apples and face painting. The festival took place on October 19th at Goodwill Headquarters and approximately 50 people attended.

Springdale, Arkansas: Afterschool Ambassador Diana Gonzalez Worthen, OneCommunity, 479-872-1977, dworthen@uark.edu

OneCommunity hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration as part of the third annual ArkanSalsa Fest at Downtown Springdale's Emma Avenue on October 18th from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. The "Feed Your Brain" Kids Zone section of the festival promoted literacy by giving out backpacks, child IDs, balloons, photos with cartoon characters and more than 700 books. The Kids Zone also featured fire safety lessons and a free lunch and aimed to highlight before school, afterschool and summer learning programs. The festival as a whole benefited literacy, leadership and scholarship programs with a 5K/1 mile Fun Run, a parade, a car show, live bands, a dance showcase, salsa and Zumba lessons, food, arts and crafts, a health and wellness fair and a Best Tasting Salsa contest.

California

Bakersfield, California: Courtney Villasenor, Greenfield Success Afterschool, 661-837-6115, villasenor@gfusd.net

Greenfield Success AfterSchool, in partnership with The Foundation for Success, will hold its 12th annual *Lights On Afterschool* carnival on October 22nd. The goal will be to highlight the benefits of afterschool programs and the importance of maintaining their funding. The carnival's theme is "African Safari" and will feature face painting, shirt-making, children's dance performances, games, activity booths, food and outside vendors. The event will be at Raffaello Palla Elementary School from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Several district politicians will be among the 3,000 attendees.

Bakersfield, California: Afterschool Ambassador Garrett Shipes, Greenfield Union School District, 661-837-6180, shipesg@gfusd.k12.ca.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, about 25 members of the fourth- and fifth-grade science club at Fairview Elementary Schools will take a field trip to the Kern County Museum on October 20th. There, students will participate in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) workshop called Jiggle Jelly in which students can explore the look, feel and other properties of polymers. They will also study the differences between manmade and natural polymers and learn about the polymers present in everyday plastics and foods.

Fresno, California: Kevin Clifton, California Teaching Fellows, 559-224-9200 x107, kevin.clifton@ctff.us

On October 23rd from 5:00 to 9:30 PM, California Teaching Fellows will put on a kid-friendly version of "American Ninja Warrior" at Desmond Middle School in honor of *Lights On*

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Afterschool. First- through 12th-grade students from 23 different schools in the Madera Unified School District will compete with their peers to complete a timed obstacle course designed by the participating schools. Each school will submit their proposed obstacle course designs to the program in advance of the event to prevent duplicates and to ensure safety. The winning student will receive a trophy designed by other students. The event will also feature a display of student artwork and performances. More than 1,000 people may attend, including Superintendent Dr. Barbara L. Parkins, Chief Academic Officers Elizabeth Runyon and Todd Lile, members of the Madera Police Force and representatives from the Office of Parks and Recreation and the Madera Arts Council.

Los Angeles, California: Kristy Gausman, After-School All-Stars, 323-938-3232 x121, Kristy@as-as.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, After-School All-Stars partnered with the Mazda Foundation (USA) to bring two professional race-car drivers, Neil Alberico and Dani Ferrarato, to La Merced Intermediate to speak to 150 middle school students about their personal career paths and the importance of youth safety. Neil and Dani will take questions from students and will also let them look under the hood and kick the tires of their newest race-cars. After the discussion, there will be a carnival featuring a “distracted driving” obstacle course for students to experience firsthand how different distractions impair drivers. The 95.5 KLOS “Rock Patrol” will be on hand with music, entertainment and more. The event will take place on October 23rd from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

Los Angeles, California: Fabian Ojeda, Youth Policy Institute – Los Angeles Academy of Arts & Enterprise, 323-945-4805, laaaems@ypiusa.org

Youth Policy Institute will host a club showcase at the Los Angeles Academy of Arts & Enterprise in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The cooking club will cater the event, the rock band and dance team will put on a performance and other school clubs will display their work. Approximately 100 parents, teachers and members of the school administration will attend the showcase in the school’s multi-purpose room on October 22nd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Moreno Valley, California: Jenny Hua, THINK Together at Mountain View Middle School, 951-760-3496, mountainviewms@THINKtogether.org

The THINK Together afterschool program at Mountain View Middle School will host a rally and Halloween-themed carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The carnival will feature bingo, pumpkin carving and a variety of booths where students can spend their special “student cash” to play games and win prizes. The program will also honor members of the football and volleyball teams who will compete in a program-wide tournament later in the year. Approximately 150 people may attend the carnival, which will be held at the Portable Classrooms and North Field at Mountain View Middle School at 4:00 PM on October 22nd.

Paso Robles, California: Kim Gaspar, Paso Robles Joint Unified School District, 805-769-1360, ksgaspar@pasoschools.org

Paso Robles Joint Unified School District’s After School Education & Safety (ASES) Program will hold its second annual “Picnic in the Park” on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Families from ASES, the Boys & Girls Club and the PRYDE afterschool program will enjoy a meal and play outdoor games like bowling and soccer. The students and staff also
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created homemade carnival games for the event inspired by the YouTube video “Caine’s Arcade.” Around 100 people may attend the picnic from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, which will take place at Paso Robles Downtown City Park.

Ridgecrest, California: Jennie Worley, High Desert Leapin’ Lizards, 760-499-1770, jeworley@ssusd.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, High Desert Leapin’ Lizards will host an event highlighting the physics of mini-golf. The afterschool program cycles through ten STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) units each year, and the *Lights On* celebration will act as the culminating event for the physics unit. Students will build their own mini-golf holes and event participants will play the game while learning about forces, friction and Newton’s Laws. There will be events held at each of the Leapin’ Lizards’ three school sites on October 23rd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, and approximately 200 guests may attend.

Sacramento, California: Nicole Cartwright, Higher Learning Academy ASES, 916-286-5199 x5124, nicole.cartwright@gcccharters.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Higher Learning Academy will host a community event on October 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will feature a talent show, a scholastic book fair, a flash mob and numerous booths. The talent show will include 15 student acts ranging from dance numbers to vocal performances. As part of First Lady Michelle Obama’s Let’s Move campaign, students and teachers will perform the “Let’s Move” dance routine for the flash mob in order to spread awareness of the campaign to combat childhood obesity. Additionally, there will be several health-focused booths sponsored by afterschool programs, including a California Champions booth that will inform families on healthy living and a Health Education Council booth that will dress up kids as fruits and vegetables. At other booths, participants will be able to enjoy face painting, play carnival games and enter raffles to win prizes. The event will also feature refreshments and a DJ. As many as 200 people will attend the celebration.

San Diego, California: Alisha Harrison, Marine Corps Community Services Miramar Youth & Teen Center, 858-577-4136, harrisonad@usmc-mccs.org

Marine Corps Community Services Miramar Youth & Teen Center will hold an open house and showcase for the center’s fifth annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. Students will perform talents and demonstrate different projects they have been working on, such as a robot designed by the LEGO League. Participants will also explore the resource fair where attendees can learn about organizations like the Boys & Girls Club of America, Lincoln Military Housing and Family Advocacy Program. The Third Marine Airways Party Band will also play at the event. As many as 150 people will attend the celebration on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the center.

San Diego, California: Emily Mitchell, Boys & Girls Club of Greater San Diego, 858-676-2230, emitchell@sdyouth.org

Parents and students from the Boys & Girls Club of Greater San Diego will gather for an open house event on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will work on arts and crafts projects and compete in a lip-sync battle, which will be judged by the staff. The event will also raffle off various prizes donated by Starbucks, Toys “R” Us and other businesses. Around 100 people will attend the celebration from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

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San Francisco, California: Wilson Tan, Donaldina Cameron House, 415-781-0401, wilson@cameronhouse.org

Donaldina Cameron House will host a gallery walk and a small carnival at the unit in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Each class will create poster boards to showcase student work and the carnival will “go green” with booths for students to decorate lightbulbs and create eco-friendly crafts using recycled items. The lightbulbs will be used to adorn the event’s special *Lights On* tree. Several alumni will share personal stories about the impact of afterschool programs with the attendees. Students and staff will attend the event on October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

San Francisco, California: Rika Chambers, Collective Impact, 510-415-7342, rika@sfmagiczone.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Collective Impact MAGIC Zone afterschool program will hold an open house where students can showcase the skills they’ve learned in their afterschool enrichment classes. Some 30 parents and community members will attend to watch the students show off their arts and crafts, improv, baking, health, beauty and fashion skills. The open house will take place on October 22nd from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the Ella Hill Hutch Community Center.

Santa Clara County, California: Doreen Hassan, YMCA of Silicon Valley, Santa Clara County After School Collaborative, 408-351-6426, dhassan@ymcasv.org

The Santa Clara County After School Collaborative and the YMCA of Silicon Valley will hold the ninth annual *Lights On Afterschool* “Breakfast of Champions” on October 22nd. The breakfast will honor outstanding principals, teachers, administrators, volunteers, businesses and city officials who have made important contributions to the field of expanded learning. San Jose Mayor Sam Liccardo will serve as the keynote speaker at the breakfast, which will run from 8:00 to 9:30 AM at the San Jose City Hall Rotunda, followed by a short program and the “parade of after school champions.” Participants will then have an opportunity to sign up for local tours of their afterschool programs in the afternoon.

South Gate, California: Fatima Luna, Aspire Public Schools, 323-249-5750, fatima.luna@aspirepublicschools.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Aspire Public Schools will hold an open house at Aspire Firestone Academy on October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students will display posters they made explaining why afterschool is important and 15 community organizations will set up resource booths for students and parents, including Children’s Dental Group of South Gate, which will provide toothbrushes and information about dental hygiene, and Revolution Food, which will pass out healthy snacks and literature regarding nutrition. Panda Express and Jamba Juice will also serve food and drinks, and the Open Floor Society, which teaches children about music and dance, will give a performance. As many as 300 people may attend, including Mayor Jorge Morales and Chief of Police Randy Davis.

Colorado

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Colorado Springs, Colorado: Kyla Dauber, Falcon Trail Youth Center, United States Air Force Academy, 719-333-4169, kyla.dauber.1@us.af.mil

Students in Falcon Trail Youth Center's afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and National 4-H Science Day with a carnival on October 22nd. Kids will perform the 4-H "Motion Commotion" experiment and other STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities. There will also be tug-o'-war, potato sack races, three-legged races and more traditional carnival games, along with minute-to-win-it face-offs and arts and crafts. Parents and base leaders will have the opportunity to tour the youth center and get a sense of how the afterschool program works. Around 90 people, in addition to the youth center's students, are expected to attend the event, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Craig, Colorado: Kari Neuman, Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest Colorado, 970-826-0411, Kneuman@craigbgc.org

On October 29th, Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado will host an exhibition from 4:00 to 6:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Craig Police Department, Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman, Student Resource Officers Ryan Fritz and Norm Rimmer and other agencies and guests will set up booths and give presentations to educate attendees on prescription drug addiction, internet safety and car seat safety. Additionally, REPS (Reaching Everyone Preventing Suicide), the Mental Health Organization and other organizations will provide counseling and important mental health information. As many as 100 people will attend the event, including representatives from the Colorado State Patrol.

Denver, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Patrick Wilhelm, Scholars Unlimited, 720-424-9719, pwilhelm@scholarsunlimited.org

Scholars Unlimited will hold *Lights On Afterschool* open houses at two of its sites on October 22nd: Stedman Elementary from 4:30 to 5:30 PM and Ashley Elementary from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The events will include a tour of the program and a presentation by parents, students and administrators on the impact afterschool has had on their lives. Each venue will be decorated with art projects by the students demonstrating their love for afterschool.

Denver, Colorado: Maxine Quintana, Denver Afterschool Alliance, 720-913-0905, Maxine.quintana@denvergov.org

The Denver Afterschool Alliance planned a month of events and advocacy work in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. To kick off the celebration, the alliance gave a presentation on October 15th in front of the Denver Public School Board of Education about high-quality afterschool programming and the Support for the Whole Child goal in the 2020 Denver Plan at the Emily Griffith Campus. On October 19th at 5:30 PM, the alliance addressed the Denver City Council on the impact afterschool programs have on Denver youth. Then on October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, more than a dozen schools and organizations will host *Lights On* open houses and celebrations of all shapes and sizes. For example, Cory and Creativity Challenge Community (C3) Elementary Schools will host a sports event with games like badminton, golf and limbo at 4:15 PM, and the Boettcher Boys & Girls Club will hold its fourth annual Chili Cook-Off at 7:00 PM. Finally, the Denver Afterschool Alliance will hold a culminating event at Cableland on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with guests such as Denver Mayor Michael B. Hancock and Superintendent Tom Boasberg.

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Denver, Colorado: Kathleen Allen, America SCORES Denver, 303-832-5879, kallen@americascoreres.org

America SCORES Denver will hold a special event with Colorado Rapids player Dillon Powers on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Powers will sign autographs, talk to students about the importance of education and work with them on technical soccer skills. There will be a parents and staff vs. students soccer game alongside other soccer mini games (like juggling competitions and dribble knock-out) and face painting. Students will also paint a special America SCORES mural near the soccer field with an original team poem. The event will be held at Cowell Elementary School from 3:00 to 4:30 PM, and 32 America SCORES students will attend, along with alumni, parents and faculty members. The Cowell Elementary Drumline will also give a special performance for attendees.

Fort Collins, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador Maria Ortiz, Poudre School District, 970-490-3065, mpfalmer@psdschools.org

Poudre Community Academy will host Irish Elementary students for a safe, fun Halloween-themed event from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on October 30th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The high school's afterschool program developed the agenda for this year's celebration and the students are also organizing and coordinating the event. The older students will teach the younger students a dance and have stations with face painting, a photo booth, crafts and an obstacle course.

Connecticut

Greenwich, Connecticut: Louise Principe, Glenville Child Care, Inc., 203-531-4278, glenvillechildcareinc@gmail.com

On October 22nd, Glenville Child Care, Inc. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Glenville Elementary School with an open house from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Parents and students will color, decorate and hang paper lightbulbs, wear bracelets and participate in a poetry contest in which they will write about what they like best about afterschool. In addition, the fourth and fifth graders will write a thank you letter to the principal for the expansion of their space. Refreshments will be served.

Groton, Connecticut: Heather Jaglowski, Navy Child Youth Programs, 860-448-6823, heather.jaglowski@navy.mil

Navy Child Youth Programs will host an open house event at Subase Youth Center on October 23rd from 5:30 to 9:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. As many as 100 people will enjoy bounce houses, music, face painting and games provided by the program along with healthy snacks such as salad and fruit. Librarian Marguerite Rauch will conduct a "life hack" workshop and Naval Submarine Base New London's School Liaison Officer Miranda Chapman will provide school information.

Litchfield, Connecticut: Nicole Kearney, Education Connection, 860-567-0863, Sapbrookfield@educationconnection.org

Education Connection's Brookfield School Age Program will host a special art show in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Staff and students in the program will sell their artwork at the show, and

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all the proceeds will go to Feed America. Students will then have the chance to build their own quesadillas using chili, queso, guacamole, rice and shredded cheese. Some 30 students, along with their family and friends, will attend the event, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 22nd at Huckleberry Hill Elementary School.

New Haven, Connecticut: Afterschool Ambassador Mark Fopeano, Dwight Hall at Yale, 203-432-2446, mark.fopeano@yale.edu

On October 22, Dwight Hall at Yale's Co-op Afterschool will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will begin at 4:30 PM and will give parents and family members a chance to see the inner workings of the program. Afterwards, Connecticut After School Network director of professional development Ken Anthony will host a panel discussion in the cafeteria where students will discuss the program and how it has helped them grow.

Unionville, Connecticut: Meghan Cameron, Farmington Extended Care and Learning, 860-675-4881, cameronm@fpsct.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Farmington Extended Care and Learning will host a scarecrow decorating contest for its students. The kids will work in teams to draw a design, gather supplies, put the scarecrow together and give him a name. Each team will be provided with a pumpkin, hay and a pole to hold the scarecrow up, but the kids are responsible for bringing in clothes and other accessories. At the end of the contest, teachers and parents will judge and select a winner. The contest will take place at Union School on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, with 40 students and ten adults participating.

Willimantic, Connecticut: Desiree Parciak, Windham Public Schools, 860-465-2437, dparciak@windham.k12.ct.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Windham Public Schools will host a talent show at Sweeney Elementary School on October 22nd. Students will perform skits inspired by the U.S. Department of Education's Positive Behavior Intervention Systems (PBIS) system, which encourages schools to teach behavioral expectations the way they teach other core subjects. Through the skits, students will convey three basic behavioral expectations – respectful, responsible and safe – in different classroom settings. Students will also explain to parents the method of “starbucks,” a reward system that gives the students currency for model behavior. Dinner will be served. As many as 100 people will attend the event from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Windham, Connecticut: Afterschool Ambassador Bill Stover, Windham Public School District, 860-465-2546, wstover@windham.k12.ct.us

The Windham School District's five elementary school programs are celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* at each of their sites the night of October 22nd. The five events are a Science Experiment Night at Windham Center School, a Spanish Heritage Cultural Night at North Windham School, Exploration of World Climate Night at Barrows STEM Academy, Positive Behavior Supports Interventions Night at Sweeney School and Craft & Literacy Night at Natchaug School. More than 200 families may participate in the events. On the morning of October 21st, the Wayne Norman Show on local radio station WILI will interview each site's coordinator about their *Lights On* activities, and on October 23rd, each afterschool program, in collaboration with local university students, will carry out a Walk for Warmth fundraiser for those in need of heat assistance during the winter.

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Delaware

Dover, Delaware: Beverly Banks, Delaware State University Cooperative Extension, 302-857-6499, bbanks@desu.edu

The Delaware State University Cooperative Extension program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Dover on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Kids and family members will enjoy literacy, arts and crafts and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, Zumba dancing and light refreshments. Parents and university leaders will speak about the importance of afterschool, and there will be a reading of the Kent County Levy Court's Proclamation in honor of *Lights On*. Approximately 40 people will attend.

Newark, Delaware: Afterschool Ambassador Fontella Taylor, 4-H Afterschool, University of Delaware, 302-831-4977, ftaylor@udel.edu

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, 4-H Afterschool will hold a "STEAM Glow-in-the-Dark" celebration on October 22nd at Gauger Middle School. As many as 150 parents and students from local middle schools will take part in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) experiments and activities at the open house from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, including slime creations, Sphero (small robot toy balls) racing, volcanic explosions and 4-H trivia. There will also be face painting and a kids vs. adults volleyball game.

Smyrna, Delaware: Andrea Jeffers, Smyrna Clayton Boys & Girls Club, 302-659-5610, ajeffers@bgclubs.org

The Smyrna Clayton Boys & Girls Club will hold a student showcase and open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Each age group will give a special performance for their peers, families, school staff, members of the Boys & Girls Club Board of Directors and community members. Pre-kindergarten students will perform a song, and then kindergartners and first-graders will display their artwork and perform a song and class poem. Second graders will also read a class poem, while third and fourth graders will demonstrate the science experiments they've been working on in the afterschool program – designing paper circuits that light up in keeping with the *Lights On* theme and racing mouse trap cars they built themselves. They will also perform a song on their recorders, followed by a drumming presentation and science-fair display by the fifth graders. The showcase will take place on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be refreshments and a station for lightbulb decorating for the 75 expected attendees.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Cecily Mendie, District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation, 202-671-2181, cecily.mendie@dc.gov

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, District of Columbia Department of Parks and Recreation will host a festival and exhibition in the gymnasium of the Raymond Recreation Center. The event will be filled with activities meant to highlight the department's tagline, "Move, Grow, Be Green," including crafts and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art

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and math) experiments. In one experiment, students will explore the differences and similarities between growing plants hydroponically versus in peat. They will get to bring a pot with their seeds home with them after the event. The kids will also paint or color ceramic piggy banks to encourage financial growth and create oozing slime. Throughout the event, students will perform dances and other performances on stage. More than 200 people, including department director Keith A. Anderson, will attend the event on October 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Washington, District of Columbia: Monica Harrington, Sitar Arts Center, 202-797-2145 x101, monica@sitarartscenter.org

The Sitar Arts Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd with an open house. Guests will tour the site and watch a talent showcase from the students to see the center's learning opportunities firsthand. The open house will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and light refreshments will be served.

Florida

Boynton Beach, Florida: Mary H. Swinford, Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc., 561-732-8066, MSwinford@primetimepb.org

For its 11th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event, Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc. will host family activities at the Clematis by Night outdoor music festival at the West Palm Beach Waterfront. A number of local groups, including the Palm Beach Zoo, South Florida Science Museum and Aquarium and Green Mouse Academy, will set up interactive booths with engaging activities for children and families on October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. West Palm Beach Mayor Jeri Muoio and Palm Beach County Mayor and Commissioner Shelley Vana will both present Proclamations declaring October 22nd to be *Lights On Afterschool* Day.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Robert Hill, YMCA of South Florida, 954-907-7054, rhill@ymcasouthflorida.org

The YMCA of South Florida will have major *Lights On Afterschool* events at two of its sites in Broward County. For the first event, the YMCA will team up with Children's Services Council of Broward County and the Parks and Recreation Department of Broward County to put on an outdoor carnival at Franklin Park on October 22nd from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. Students from several YMCA afterschool sites will perform dance routines and dramatic arts recitations, play carnival games and enjoy healthy snacks. Kids will also get to participate in activities through the YMCA's YFit program, which aims to build healthy habits and lifestyles. YFit staff will lead the children through obstacle courses, competitive games and family activities. Vendors will also be on hand to lead art projects and games for the children. The YMCA's second event, the flagship event of the Children's Advocacy Center, will be at Castle Hill Elementary School on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The open house will feature YFit program activities and a chance for community members to learn more about afterschool programs in Broward County. Parents will get to visit activity centers featuring information on YMCA's science, literacy, nutrition, social skills and arts programs, and enjoy a fun photo booth with their kids. The night will end with a student dance performance.

Fort Pierce, Florida: Kimberly Roberts, St. Lucie County Public Schools, 772-429-3957, kimberly.roberts@stlucieschools.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, St. Lucie County Public Schools will host exposés at the Police Athletic League in Fort Pierce and the Community Center at Port Saint Lucie.

Afterschool, sport, youth and art programs will set up booths at the events to inform attendees about their programs and offer discounts and a chance to win prizes, including laptops donated by Sam's Club. Dance studios will also perform throughout the events. More than 150 people may attend the exposés on October 22nd from 4:00 to 7:30 PM.

Jacksonville, Florida: Jo Mansell, TEAM UP at Palm Avenue Special Education School/Police Athletic League of Jacksonville, 904-693-7516, mansellj@duvalschools.org

TEAM UP will give a presentation at Palm Avenue Special Education School's Family Night in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The show will include food, beverages, games, a student art gallery, a craft table, various STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities and a literacy presentation. Family Night will take place on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and more than 75 people, in addition to afterschool students, may attend.

Jupiter, Florida: Rico Adona, West Jupiter Recreation Center, 561-694-5432, radona@pbcgov.org

The West Jupiter Recreation Center afterschool program will put on a talent show to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 100 parents, community members and parks and recreation administrators will gather to see student performances such as a magic show, gymnastics routine and group dances on October 22nd from 5:30 to 9:00 PM. The students will also sing together "Do I Make You Proud" by Taylor Hicks.

Orlando, Florida: Michelle Ramos, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, 407-841-6855, mramos@bgccf.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Central Florida partnered with the Orlando Science Center to host "Destination STEM" at eight local middle schools in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Destination STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) is a series of 90-minute hands-on workshops that introduce kids to STEM disciplines and career paths. One such workshop will involve photonics and optical lasers. Students will work in teams to design the fastest path for a laser using mirrors and other materials. The first workshop was held on October 19th and the rest will be held throughout the month of October, involving about 200 students from Ocoee, Freedom, Robinswood, SunRidge, Lockart, Piedmont Lakes, Lakeview and Apopka Middle Schools.

Orlando, Florida: Dawn Dominguez, OCPS School Age Services, 407-317-3383, dawn.dominguez@ocps.net

On October 17th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) School Age Services hosted a community event in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. At Glenridge Middle School, students from several different afterschool programs, including the Boys & Girls Club, the City of Orlando After-School All-Stars and the YMCA, performed acts such as a flash mob, step dance and drumming. The United States Tennis Association and Orlando City Soccer also organized outside games for students. Around 2,000 people attended the celebration, including Florida Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Sharon Carie, Florida State

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Representative Rene Plasencia, OCPS Board Member Joie Cadle, OCPS Associate Superintendent Dr. Christopher Bernier, OCPS Director of School Choice Programs Dr. Kimberly R. Marlow and Orlando Fire Department Chief Roderick Williams.

Tallahassee, Florida: Ashley Scott, Leon County Schools, 850-487-7817, scotta3@leonschools.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Leon County Schools will host an open house for all ten of its afterschool sites at James S. Rickards High School on October 22nd from 5:30 to 8:30 PM. At the start of the event, attendees will hear from James S. Rickards High School Principal Douglas Cook, Leon County Superintendent Jackie Pons, Leon County School Board Chair Maggie Lewis-Butler, United Way of the Big Bend CEO Dr. Katrina Rolle, Florida Department of Education Family & Community Outreach Chief Angelia Rivers and Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend CEO Lee Wagner. After the speeches, students will conduct 15-minute presentations of drama, dance, public speaking and physical fitness. Approximately 2,000 students, parents and community members are expected to attend.

Tampa, Florida: Chris Letsos, Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay, 813-875-5771, cletsos@bgctampa.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Tampa Bay will bring approximately 100 afterschool students and their parents to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI) on October 26th. Families will be able to participate in hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities and discuss career opportunities in the STEM field. Each student will complete a science project, which will be judged by representatives from partner company Bright House at the end of the event.

Viera, Florida: Terri Bagby, Brevard Public Schools, 321-633-1000 x357, bagby.terri@brevardschools.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Brevard After School hosted “The Force Is Strong in After School,” a Star Wars STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) celebration, on October 16th. Approximately 100 students joined members of the 501st Legion, a group of Star Wars-loving volunteers, at the Astronaut Memorial in the Kennedy Space Center Visitors Complex, where they participated in a series of Star Wars-related STEAM activities, including a mission to construct a lander to pilot Yoda safely to his home planet Dagobah. The kids learned about the electromagnetic spectrum, icy worlds in our solar system and photometry through the various activities and experiments.

Georgia

Atlanta, Georgia: Katie Landes, Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, 404-521-0355, klandes@georgiavoices.org

The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network will host a leadership breakfast and community conversation at the Georgia Freight Depot on October 20th with state legislators and business and philanthropy leaders in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 30 people will attend the breakfast, which will include TED-style talks by Georgia Division of Family and Children Services Director Bobby Cagle, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

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Commissioner Amy Jacobs, former NFL player Roman Oben and Georgia Institute of Technology College of Engineering Dean Dr. Gary May. Following the breakfast, which will run from 8:00 to 9:30 AM, the featured speakers will be joined by other community leaders for a community conversation about Georgia's afterschool programs and the soon-to-be-released afterschool quality standards. The forum will run from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Atlanta, Georgia: Barbara Hardwick, AfterSchool CLASSÉ, 678-644-9513, barbjack47@hotmail.com

AfterSchool Classé will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd at the Mary Lin Elementary School from 5:30 to 6:30 PM with several activities. *Lights On* coincides with Parent Orientation Day, so an AfterSchool Classé parent will serve as guest speaker and discuss the importance and benefits of afterschool. Team leaders will describe how they work with each group and AfterSchool Classé's executive director will speak and answer questions. Kids in third through fifth grade will participate in an essay contest where they describe why afterschool is important to them and their families, while kindergartners and first graders will draw pictures and write an accompanying sentence highlighting their favorite part of afterschool. All art and essay participants will receive certificates for a Wendy's frosty and the first, second and third place winners will receive prizes. Students will also display examples of the STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities and projects that they've worked on so far this year. More than 100 people may attend.

Douglasville, Georgia: Terry Brown, Eastside Elementary School, 770-651-3822, terry.brown@douglas.k12.ga.us

Eastside Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house on October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The programs offered afterschool will be showcased and parents will have an opportunity to walk around to various stations, pick up materials and talk with staffers. There will be arts and crafts displays and activities as well as games for the students, along with prizes for the winners. Refreshments will be served and 60 people are expected to attend.

Lawrence, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Tina Fleming, Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation, 770-822-8875, tina.fleming@gwinnettcountry.com

Gwinnett County Parks and Recreation (GCPR), in collaboration with several community partners, will host the second annual Walk Among the Stars festival in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. This year's theme is "Pirates and Pixies." Students and families, many in costume, will spend an evening enjoying nature and exploring "Never Never Land" while learning about the out of school time opportunities offered by GCPR. There will be a hayride, s'mores, face painting, inflatables, Character Storytime, a treasure map scavenger hunt and a StoryWalk. The festival will also feature several themed areas that will engage participants in different physical interactive games, sensory activities, crafts, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities and photo ops. More than 800 people will attend the festival, which will take place on October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:30 PM at Simpsonwood Park.

Hawaii

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Fort Shafter, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Peter Tedtaotao, Fort Shafter School Age & Youth Center, 808-438-1487, peter.c.tedtaotao.naf@mail.mil

On October 22nd from 3:00 to 4:00 PM, the Fort Shafter Youth Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* parade around the base encouraging parents to sign their teens up for the afterschool program. Students will design their own posters and pass out flyers at the library and schools highlighting the computer classes, homework help, health and fitness activities, video games and sports available to teens at the center. Staff will also partner with the Bowling Center, where they will speak to parents about the benefits of a free afterschool program for their kids.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Paula Adams, Hawaii Afterschool Alliance, 808-380-1602, hawaiiafterschool@gmail.com

The Hawaii Afterschool Alliance partnered with 21st Century Community Learning Centers, After-School All-Stars Hawaii, Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, Kamaaina Kids, Moiliili Community Center, PALS, R.E.A.C.H. and YMCA of Honolulu to throw a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 21st. The event will begin with a rally at the State Capitol at 2:45 PM. Hawaii's First Lady Dawn Amano-Ige, Lieutenant Governor Shan Tsutsui and state legislators will join the celebration, and award-winning Hawaiian comedian Augie T. will act as the Master of Ceremony. After the rally, afterschool students will show off their talents and provide testimonies. More than 400 people are expected to attend the rally, many of whom will also deliver letters of support for afterschool programs to legislative offices as part of the celebration.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Zach Pigott, Joint Base Pearl Harbor–Hickam Teen Center, 808-448-0418, zachary.pigott@navy.mil

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Joint Base Pearl Harbor–Hickam Teen Center will hold an open house for families to learn more about the center and its youth programs. Teens and advising staff will give a show-and-tell for each of the center's clubs, and the cooking club will prepare food. Approximately 15 to 20 family members are expected to attend the event, which will take place on October 20th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

Idaho

Declo, Idaho: Andrew Fletcher, Cassia School District 151, 208-654-8795, fleandre@cassiaschools.org

Declo Elementary and Mountain View Elementary (in neighboring Burley, Idaho) will hold open houses on October 22nd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Community members will see the inner workings of the afterschool programs and participate in student-led science activities, which will include combining Diet Coke and Mentos, experimenting with color changing milk, demonstrating Lego robotics creations and playing with bubble solutions. Declo Mayor Jay Darrington will attend the Declo Elementary open house and Burley Mayor Merlin Smedley will attend the Mountain View event. School principals, superintendents, local business representatives, parents and community members will also be in attendance. The events will each run from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, with the first two hours devoted to the open house and the last hour to the science activities.

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Mountain Home, Idaho: Lissa Hall, Mountain Home Air Force Base Youth Center, 208-828-2501, lissa.hall.1@us.af.mil

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Mountain Home Air Force Base Youth Center will hold an open house/carnival event for students, parents and local leaders. The event will begin with a brief student-run presentation featuring a dance, a song and a slideshow of pictures and videos from the Youth Center's afterschool and summer programs. The videos will include interviews with staff, parents and school teachers on what they think of the center's programming. After the presentation, parents will get to witness an average day in the afterschool program. Each designated activity room – art, homework, games, science and recreation – will get parents involved in a special event or project. Each room will also display pictures and student projects. As many as 225 parents and students may attend the celebration, which will run from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on October 21st.

Nampa, Idaho: Linda Dixon, PLACE Program at Birch Elementary School, 208-461-5960, linda.dixon@vallivue.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Positive Learning and Child Enrichment (PLACE) Program held an open house at Birch Elementary School on October 15th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM for parents, kids and school officials. Students presented their enrichment projects, including book-making, arts and crafts, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, musical numbers and a physical activity demonstration, on different tables throughout the Birch Elementary School cafeteria. Students also used iPads to demonstrate some of the educational programs they work on in their afterschool classes. Approximately 100 people attended the open house, including County Commissioner Tom Dale, Vallivue School District Superintendent Pat Charlton and program director Jeri Gowen.

Illinois

Bethalto, Illinois: Kathy Wilson, Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto, 618-377-6030, kwilsonbgcb@sbcglobal.net

The Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto will hold an open house full of activities for parents and children to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include kickball and billiards tournaments, brain teasers and a trivia competition. Parents will have an opportunity to interact with staff and learn more about the various afterschool clubs in which their children participate. The open house will take place at the Club on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, and more than 200 parents, students and community members are expected.

Chicago, Illinois: Crystal Cross, BBF Family Services, 773-542-7328, ccross@betterboys.org
For this year's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, BBF Family Services will host a talent show at the center on October 23rd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Students will demonstrate skills they developed in their afterschool program, such as making clothes, creating music and tap dancing. As many as 150 people will enjoy the show, including Cook County Commissioner Robert Steele and local media.

Champaign, Illinois: Kathy Mullins, University of Illinois Extension EC3, 217-300-9391, mullins@illinois.edu

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For University of Illinois Extension EC3's first year participating in *Lights On Afterschool*, the organization will host an open house on October 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Attendees will enjoy a gallery walk promoting ten 4-H groups, hands-on STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) experiments and demonstrations from the Champaign-Urbana Community Fab Lab. Students will participate in experiments such as this year's 4-H National Youth Science Day experiment, "Motion Commotion," which teaches students about physics and the dangers of driving distracted, and the "Pennies in the Boat" project where students create a hand-sized, aluminum foil boat then test how many pennies it can hold without sinking. Staff from the Champaign-Urbana Community Fab Lab will demonstrate different machines such as a 3-D printer and an embroidery machine. Guests will also admire a wall of student-decorated lightbulbs. As many as 80 people will attend the festivities including Urbana City Mayor Laurel Lunt Prussing, who will present a Proclamation at the event.

Chicago, Illinois: William Sheppard, Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development (BUILD), 773-227-2880, williamsheppard@buildchicago.org

Broader Urban Involvement and Leadership Development (BUILD) will host *Lights On Afterschool* marches at five different sites throughout Chicago. Leif Ericson Elementary Scholastic Academy's march will be on October 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Students will march around East Garfield Park and hear from guest speaker Street Intervention Specialist Max Cerda. Attendees will also decorate lightbulbs and create crafts. As many as 80 families will attend the celebration.

Indiana

Carmel, Indiana: Meagan Storms, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation, 317-698-0816, mstorms@carmelclayparks.com

On October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Prairie Trace Elementary School. The party's theme is "Afterschool Is a Big Deal," so all the activities will be oversized – giant bowling with a human-sized ball, giant marshmallow snacks, a giant mural created out of decorated lightbulbs, giant card games and giant table games, such as dominoes and Jenga. More than 100 children, Parks & Recreation staff members and board members will attend the party.

Carmel, Indiana: Valeska Simmonds, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, 317-258-6504, vsimmonds45@hotmail.com

On October 22nd, the Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Extended School Enrichment Program will host its second annual *Lights On Afterschool* fall carnival at Forest Dale Elementary School. The carnival will feature games, activities, crafts, food and a kids vs. parents dodgeball game. Approximately 150 people, including Carmel Clay Parks & Recreation Human Resources Director Lynn Russell, will attend the carnival, which will run from 4:30 to 7:00 PM.

Connersville, Indiana: Pam Shawl, The Link, 765-827-0553 x234, pshawl@fayette.k12.in.us
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, The Link will put together a whole week's worth of activities for afterschool program participants at each of its three sites. Each day's theme will highlight a different element of afterschool programming: Health and Wellness Monday, Literacy Tuesday,

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Wacky Science Wednesday, Fun with Art Thursday and the culminating Friday Glow Party. Each day's activities will include a glow-in-the-dark element, like creating glow-in-the-dark slime on Wacky Science Wednesday or painting with glow-in-the-dark paint on Fun With Art Thursday, to lead up to Friday's celebration. The parties will take place on Friday, October 30th, between 3:00 and 5:00 PM at Frazee Elementary, Grandview Elementary and Maplewood Elementary. Around 50 people are expected at each site.

Indianapolis, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Milele Kennedy, Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation, 317-327-7466, milele.kennedy@indy.gov
Around 250 students from five Indianapolis Public Schools visited the Indiana State Museum on October 19th as part of the Indianapolis Department of Parks and Recreation's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. In preparation for the trip, students in third through eighth grade completed a Rocks and Minerals pre-visit packet. Once at the museum, students broke into small groups and participated in hands-on activities at several of the museum's exhibits: Rad Science Skatepark Physics, Birth of the Earth, Ancient Seas and the Age of Ice. The kids also participated in the Rocks and Minerals workshop and viewed a special demonstration. The field trip lasted from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM.

Mooreville, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Brigitte Gurden, Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County, 317-834-9744, bgurden@bgcofmorganco.org
The Boys & Girls Club of Morgan County will hold an open house celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Newby Memorial Elementary Gymnasium. Kids will run stations at the open house showcasing what they've learned in the afterschool program, including activities promoting drug prevention, healthy cooking and computer animation. Teens will talk about their community outreach program and what they get from coming to the Club. The local fire department, libraries and mental health agencies will also give presentations and a representative from Congressman Todd Rakita's office will attend.

Walkerton, Indiana: Charman Dreessen, Walkerton Before & After Care, 574-586-3186, charman@jgsc.k12.in.us
Walkerton Before & After Care's first ever *Lights On Afterschool* event will be an open house on October 21st where parents will have the opportunity to witness how their children spend their out-of-school time. There will be kid-friendly snacks and a number of fun activities, including giant Jenga, an oversized cup stacking game, fort-building and Twister. Forty kids and their parents are expected to attend the event, which will be held at Walkerton Elementary School from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

Iowa

Carter Lake, Iowa: Josh Towey, Carter Lake Boys & Girls Club, 712-347-5687, jtowey@bgcomaha.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, students in the Carter Lake Boys & Girls Club will work on a digital media creation project in which they will put together collages highlighting their heroes, career aspirations, future goals and academic successes. Around 125 people will attend the event, which will begin at 4:00 PM on October 22nd.

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Sioux City, Iowa: Ali Peterson, Sioux City Beyond the Bell, 712-277-3600,
apetersen@beyondthebell.us.com

Beyond the Bell's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will take place at the local scarecrow farm on October 23rd. Families will enjoy a raffle and food along with a school decorating contest, where all 20 afterschool sites will create a project representing their school for families to vote on at the festival. Kids will go home with Beyond the Bell goody-bags filled with merchandise, a book and candy. Around 1,000 people, including community partners, school administrators and local business representatives, may attend the celebration, which will run from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Tickets to the event are \$2 per person.

West Des Moines, Iowa: Michelle Rich, Iowa Afterschool Alliance, 515-243-2000,
mrich@sppg.com

On October 22nd, the Iowa Afterschool Alliance will hold an open house event at Delaware Elementary School. Students will perform in poetry slams and plays, design a banner and decorate lightbulbs. The open house is part of a statewide *Lights On Afterschool* collaboration between Every Child Matters, the Iowa Commission on Volunteer Service, United Way of Central Iowa and the Iowa Afterschool Alliance. Events across the state will live tweet and connect through the hashtag #LightsOnAfterschoolIowa and feature light-up lightbulbs, posters, t-shirts, pencils and temporary tattoos. Governor Terry E. Branstad also issued a Proclamation in support of *Lights On* to be read at each site. As many as 200 kids, parents, community members and local media representatives may attend the open house, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Kansas

Iola, Kansas: Afterschool Ambassador Angela Henry, Safe Base, 620-365-4780,
angela.henry@usd257.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Safe Base afterschool program will host a special pumpkin-themed event for students, parents and community members in the school district's pumpkin patch. Students will cook a pumpkin-based dinner for guests to enjoy, where each grade level will be responsible for selecting and preparing one component of the meal. The event will feature games, math and reading activities, all based on pumpkins, and the event will end with a screening of "It's The Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." At the end of the evening, each family will go home with their own pumpkin. The festivities will be on October 21st from 5:15 to 7:00 PM and as many as 275 people may attend.

Lawrence, Kansas: Hannah Odette, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, 785-243-8781,
hodette@bgclk.org

More than 200 Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence members will put on a talent show for parents and community members to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Each of the Club's 14 school sites will perform a dance to a one-hit wonder for an audience of 700 people. The show will take place on October 29th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Central Middle School.

Topeka, Kansas: Brandy Tofel, Communities In Schools of Mid-America, 785-856-1946, brandy.tofel@neks.cismidamerica.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Topeka Afterschool Coalition will hold an open house for several Topeka-area afterschool programs, including Communities In Schools of Mid-America. Each organization will have a resource table with information for parents and an activity for the students. A jazz band, a martial arts organization and the Harvesters Community Food Network, which hosts cooking and nutrition classes, will each perform an interactive demonstration for parents and kids. The Topeka YWCA will be decorated with statistics about afterschool programs in Kansas and student-made posters highlighting the importance of afterschool. At some point during the event, participants will use a drone to map out a giant lightbulb on the street outside the YWCA. Students will stand inside the lightbulb for a picture taken by the drone. Each student who attends the event on October 29th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM will receive a free book and snacks. Around 200 kids and adults are expected.

Kentucky

Elizabethtown, Kentucky: Kathy Francis, Panther Place Afterschool Program, 270-769-4628, kathy.francis@etown.kyschools.us

Panther Place Afterschool Program will host an open house at the Valley View Education Center to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature a resource fair with 11 participating agencies including Lincoln Trail District Health Department, United Way of Central Kentucky and Elizabethtown Police Department. As many as 150 people will attend the event on October 22nd from 3:45 to 5:30 PM, including City Council Member Tony Bishop.

Lexington, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Leslie Spears, Race for Education, 859-252-8648, lspears@raceforeducation.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Race for Education will host an open house and poetry slam at Crawford Middle School on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Several students will perform their spoken-word poems and the winner will receive a prize at the end of the night. The event will feature guest speaker Pellom McDaniels III, a professor, librarian and former NFL defensive lineman who has advocated for developing more arts educational opportunities for children and young adults. More than 100 people are expected to attend.

Paducah, Kentucky: Shari Knight, Western Baptist Hospital Child Development Center, 270-575-2799, sknight2@bhsi.com

Western Baptist Hospital Child Development Center will host a tailgate party at the Western Baptist Church in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will play tailgate-themed games like corn hole and football and enjoy a photo booth and inflatables. The event will serve refreshments including hotdogs, chili and popcorn. Children will put on dance performances and cheer routines throughout the party. More than 200 people will attend the festivities on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, including hospital vice president Kal Keitel and Paducah Middle School football players.

Louisiana

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Rose Kendrick, Project STEAM/Urban Restoration Enhancement Corporation, 225-603-1305, rkendr3@lsu.edu

On October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, Project STEAM will host a hands-on event in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. As many as 200 participants will gather at Glen Oaks Park Elementary to conduct experiments and learn from representatives from Louisiana State University (LSU) and the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory. Guests from the LSU Center for Computation and Technology will demonstrate the functions of a super computer while representatives from the LSU Departments of Engineering and Chemistry will conduct experiments like freezing flowers. Grade levels will also present the skills they've learned through the afterschool program, like creating silly putty and cooking. There will also be dance performances and art displays.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Tiandra Gipson, Big Buddy, 225-388-9737, tiandra@bigbuddyprogram.org

Big Buddy will partner with the Recreation and Park Commission of East Baton Rouge Parish (BREC), the Boys & Girls Club, the Louisiana Center for Afterschool Learning and Operation Pathways to throw a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival on October 20th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The event's theme is "Active for Afterschool: Active Brain, Active Body, Active Being," so the carnival activities will focus on health and fitness. Local vendors and community organizations will run tables offering services and items that promote a healthy lifestyle, featured guests will teach healthy habits and attendees will participate in a "Let's Move" physical activity presentation, demonstrating that it's simple and fun to get moving. The event will also feature live entertainment, an art contest and a t-shirt design contest. More than 500 people are expected to attend the carnival at the BREC Administration Building.

Monroe, Louisiana: Afterschool Ambassador Patricia Johnson, Monroe City Schools, 318-387-6511 x5007, johnson.patricia@meschools.net

The Monroe City Schools 21st Century Community Learning Centers Afterschool Program will hold a literacy-focused *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 21st. Students in each program will participate in an essay and poetry competition leading up to the event, where the first place winners will have a chance to read their works on stage. Pre-kindergarten through second-grade students will participate in a lightbulb decorating contest at the event as well. The celebration will feature a number of prominent speakers: Monroe City School Board President Bishop Rodney McFarland will give the invocation, Monroe Mayor Jamie Mayo will issue a Proclamation in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, State Senator Mike Walsworth will speak about the positive impact of afterschool programs, State Representative Marcus Hunter will present several student awards and Monroe City School District Superintendent Dr. Brent Vidrine will deliver closing remarks. Good Morning ArkLaMiss anchor Dr. Nicole Cross will emcee the event, which will begin at 4:00 PM in the Jack Howard Theater at the Monroe Civic Center.

New Roads, Louisiana: Stacy Jones-Rayford, Community Care Outreach Center, 225-718-0590 sjones8878@gmail.com

On October 22nd, Community Care Outreach Center will host a celebration in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Sixth- through eighth-grade students will demonstrate a computer program they

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created, while first- and second-graders will create and present short stories based on their favorite books. Preschool and kindergarten students will play a game called “Stuff a word in the Bulb,” which tests students’ knowledge of vocabulary words, colors and shapes. More than 150 students, parents and community members may attend the celebration from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, including New Roads Mayor Robert Myer and representatives from local media outlets.

Maine

Augusta, Maine: Carrie Arsenault, Kennebec Valley YMCA, 207-622-9622, carrie@kvymca.org

The Kennebec Valley YMCA will hold a community-wide Comic Con-style open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 200 kids and family members, many dressed in costume, will participate in literacy-based activities run by local nonprofits and receive free books and comic books to take home with them. The open house will run from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on October 22nd.

Bangor, Maine: Kim Stewart, Maine Discovery Museum, 207-262-7200, kstewart@mainediscoverymuseum.org

On October 22nd, the Maine Discovery Museum afterschool club will open its regular program to the public for free admission in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Kids will see an oil painting demonstration and create their own painting to bring home. Approximately ten kids will attend the event, which will run from 3:15 to 4:00 PM.

Gardiner, Maine: Ingrid Stanchfield, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner, 207-582-8458, istanch@aol.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Gardiner will host a superhero and literacy-themed event for students and parents. Kids will put together a big book about superheroes, design superhero masks, decorate lightbulbs and enjoy a free superhero-themed meal. More than 400 students and parents will attend the event, which will run from 2:00 to 5:30 PM on October 22nd.

Winslow, Maine: Laurie Lizotte, Winslow B/A Program, 207-859-2305, lalizotte40@gmail.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Winslow Before and Afterschool Program will host a “Play Date with your Children” on October 22nd. From 2:30 to 6:00 PM, families will play games provided by the Winslow B/A staff including German ball, kickball and Line Tag, a game created by the students. If it’s a nice day, participants will also take a walk on the nature trail behind the school for fall story time. The event will provide light refreshments, community resources, giveaways and ribbons to spread awareness of breast cancer, brain injuries and communicable diseases. As many as 40 families will gather at Winslow Elementary School to enjoy the event.

Massachusetts

Plymouth, Massachusetts: Christine Young, Boys & Girls Club of Plymouth, 508-746-6070, cyoung@bgcplymouth.org

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The Boys & Girls Club of Plymouth will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:30 to 5:30 PM on October 22nd. The students will all be given lightbulb printouts to color and sign, and all the lightbulbs will be hung and displayed. The students will learn of the importance of aftercare and the significance of the lightbulb and *Lights On*. In addition, all of the kids will receive pledge cards, pledging to do their homework, be respectful to teachers and more. They will each sign their cards and take home for parents to sign as well. Once the card has been signed by a parent and brought back to the Club, it will also be displayed with their lightbulb.

Salem, Massachusetts: Tania Buck-Ruffen, For Kids Only Afterschool, 978-740-5437, tbuck@fkoafterschool.org

For Kids Only Afterschool will hold *Lights On Afterschool* events at all 18 of their program sites, including one main event in front of Revere City Hall. At this celebration, Revere Mayor Daniel Rizzo, joined by several other elected officials, will read a Proclamation in support of afterschool programs. Afterwards, children will rotate through several round robin activities, including lightbulb decorating, games from around the world and video making, while parents have a chance to discuss afterschool issues with Mayor Rizzo, Massachusetts State Senator Anthony Petrucci, State Representatives Robert DeLeo and RoseLee Vincent and other local officials. Approximately 150 people will attend the event, which will be held on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Additionally, For Kids Only will decorate the front window of its administrative office with *Lights On* paraphernalia in early October. The office is located on a busy street in Salem so over one million pedestrians will pass by the window decorations throughout the month.

West Yarmouth, Massachusetts: Kim Ingram, Cape Cod Child Development, Yarmouth School Age Program, 508-418-5562, kingram@cccdp.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Cape Cod Child Development Yarmouth School will hold a Halloween-based open house on October 22nd from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. There will be separate displays for every area of the afterschool curriculum for parents and guests to peruse. Activities will center on science, math and art and students will make a witches' brew, play a math matching game and participate in various pumpkin games and activities.

Westfield, Massachusetts: Darryl Roberts, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, 413-562-2301, drobot@bgcwestfield.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 2:30 to 6:30 PM on October 22nd with a host of activities for its 350 members, all of whom will get *Lights On* bracelets. The children will color, decorate and hang lightbulbs around the building, and receive prizes for the lightbulbs that "show the most spirit." There will be competitive running, relay races and other games. There will also be a freeze dance competition and a literacy project for the children's program where the teachers will read stories aloud.

Massachusetts State Senator Don Humason and State Representative John C. Velis will speak, along with Westfield Mayor Daniel M. Knapik, who will read the Proclamation. In preparation for *Lights On*, on October 21st, the Club will celebrate Hat Day, "Hats on for Afterschool Programs." Members are normally not allowed to wear hats, but on this day they can wear their favorite hat for \$1. Hat Day is coordinated and led by the Torch Club, which is a leadership group for middle school-aged children. All proceeds will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield. As many as 100 members will participate in this event.

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Worcester, Massachusetts: Kim Pond, University of Massachusetts Extension – 4-H Club, 508-831-1223 x114, kima@umext.umass.edu

On October 22nd, the University of Massachusetts 4-H Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house. There will be literature available and guests will have an opportunity to learn about the 4-H Club from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be a segment highlighting the Kitchen Science afterschool curriculum and several science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities and literature.

Maryland

Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland: Robin Shepard, Joint Base Andrews, 301-981-5636, robin.a.shepard.civ@mail.mil

Joint Base Andrews will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house for parents and members of various base agencies, including the Fire Department, Family Advocacy, Family Support, Exceptional Family Member Program and local school administrators. Guests will have a chance to see students participating in sports, tutoring, dance, arts, piano and martial arts. More than 200 families will attend the event, which will run from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on October 22nd.

Baltimore, Maryland: Rick Leandry, Boys & Girls Club of Metro Baltimore, 443-503-5101, rleandry@bgcnetrobaltimore.org

The Boys & Girls Club's afterschool program at O'Donnell Heights will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Halloween celebration on October 20th. There will be a number of festive activities, including bobbing for apples and musical chairs, and a station where parents can sign up for volunteer opportunities at the club. About 70 people are expected to attend the event, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Denton, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Kat Stork, Caroline County Recreation & Parks, 410-479-8120, kstork@carolinemd.org

The Caroline County Lifelong Learning Center Afterschool Programs, sponsored by Caroline County Recreation & Parks, will host "Back to Afterschool" nights at all three elementary program sites and one middle school site to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Federalsburg Elementary event was held on October 15th from 4:45 to 6:00 PM. Denton Elementary School's event will take place on October 22nd and Greensboro Elementary School's on the 28th, each from 4:45 to 6:00 PM. Lockerman Middle School (LMS) will hold its "Back to Afterschool" evening on October 21st from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Each site's celebration will include a showcase of student projects, a parent workshop provided by the University of Maryland Extension Service called "Money Habitudes" and opportunities for parents to register for adult education classes and learn about other community resources. Families will enjoy a meal together through the USDA Supper program and the Caroline County Public Schools Nutrition Division. A representative from Congressman Andy Harris' office will attend the Denton Elementary event. Each site will draw 50 to 75 guests, including local officials and Board of Education members. Additionally, throughout the month of October, seven LMS students in the afterschool program will work on a special Afterschool Advocacy Project to learn more about the legislative process, particularly related to the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. These

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students will participate in several workshops and finish the project with an email-writing campaign to elected officials about why afterschool programs are important for their communities and why funding for these types of programs is crucial.

Michigan

Detroit, Michigan: Rhonda Holstein, Pontiac Academy for Excellence, 313-577-4602, rhonda.holstein@wayne.edu

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Pontiac Academy for Excellence will hold an open house on October 22nd. Students will lead activities like chess, a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) debate on drones and a Rube Goldberg demonstration. Participants will also enjoy a “strolling dinner” throughout the academy, where each room will serve a different dish. Families and staff are welcome to attend this event from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

Farmington Hills, Michigan: Therese Perlowski, YMCA of Metropolitan Detroit-Farmington Family YMCA Branch, 248-553-4020, tperlowski@ymcadetroit.org

On October 29th, the Farmington Family YMCA afterschool program will hold SCIENCEPALOOZA, a traveling science program by the Michigan Science Center, at Highmeadow Common Campus School. Attendees will learn about key STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) topics like astronomy and zoology through hands-on experiments. As many as 80 people will attend the event from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Robin Dennany, Burton Elementary Loop Afterschool Program, 616-826-2241, BurtonLoop@grymca.org

The Burton Elementary Loop Afterschool Program will host a family night to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and educate parents about the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. The evening will serve as a kick-off celebration for the rest of the year at the program, so there will be lots of information available about future events. It will feature several stations for students and parents to entertain themselves, such as a lightbulb coloring table and a photo booth with a whiteboard where participants can write messages about why afterschool matters to them to include in their photos. Attendees will also be invited to sign a petition and join a letter-writing campaign encouraging lawmakers to delegate funds to the 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant. The event will be held at Burton Elementary School on October 22nd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, and as many as 60 guests may attend.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Samantha Przybylski, Our Community’s Children, 616-456-3102, przybysa@mail.gvsu.edu

On October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, Our Community’s Children and Expanded Learning Opportunities Network (ELO Network) will hold a rally and celebration in Rosa Parks Circle for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature creativity stations, student performances and speakers. At the creativity stations, children will color lightbulbs to form a mural and create posters in support of afterschool programming. Performances will include student choirs and poetry readings. Grand Rapids Public Schools Superintendent Teresa Weatherall Neal, City of Grand Rapids Third Ward City Commissioner Senita Lenear, a representative from Senator Debbie Stabenow’s office and a representative from Senator Gary Peters’ office will speak at the

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event about the importance of afterschool programs. As many as 300 students and community members will attend the celebration.

Wyoming, Michigan: Brittani Stickler, T.E.A.M. 21, 616-438-5885, bstickler@godfrey-lee.org
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, T.E.A.M. 21 (Teach, Enrich, Achieve, Move) will host a carnival with food and games for parents, kids and local school officials. All the games will fit with the carnival's superhero theme – a photo booth, a coloring station, cookie decorating, minute-to-win-it games and a create-your-own-mask station. All food will be provided by the local Wal-Mart. The event will take place on October 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Godfrey-Lee Early Childhood Center and will draw around 300 people.

Minnesota

Bemidji, Minnesota: Susan Joy, Headwaters Science Center, 218-444-4472, director@hscbemidji.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Headwaters Science Center will partner with the Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji to host “Project STEM” on October 22nd. This event will include six major activities featuring STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) such as table top math games, Science On A Cart, hands-on animal demonstrations featuring a boa constrictor, tarantula and a blue-toned skink, a Build It Fest featuring construction and engineering projects and a nano puppet theater. Project STEM will be held at the Boys & Girls Club of Bemidji from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Bloomington, Minnesota: Kristie Christiansen, Kids' Safari, 952-681-5506, kchristiansen@isd271.org

Kids' Safari will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Washburn Elementary School on November 6th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The first hour will be a carnival featuring games, karaoke and a photo booth for families to take pictures. Food will be provided in the lunchroom, including sandwiches, drinks, chips and frozen custard. Local firefighters will bring a big rig and give out temporary tattoos, and police officers in their squad cars will also participate and interact with the students. From 7:00 to 8:00 PM, staff DJs will provide music to kick off the Dance Party. More than 300 people are expected to attend.

Burnsville, Minnesota: Afterschool Ambassador Christian Kibler, Burnsville Youth Collaborative, 952-707-4107, ckibler@isd191.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Burnsville Youth Collaborative will hold an open house and student showcase at the Garage youth music venue on October 26th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Students will present music they have creating using the GarageBand computer application, engineering projects (catapults and paper plane launchers) and healthy cooking recipes from their summer program through the University of Minnesota. Guests will even get to enjoy food prepared by the students. As many as 100 people will attend the event, including Burnsville Mayor Elizabeth Kautz, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District 191 Superintendent Joe Gothard and Community Education Director Tom Umhoefer.

Duluth, Minnesota: Rachel Thapa, Myers-Wilkins Community School Collaborative, 218-336-8860 x8, rachelanne77@yahoo.com

On October 22nd, the Myers-Wilkins Community School Collaborative will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with two activities. From 2:15 to 3:30 PM, students in the Compass Program will talk about the importance of afterschool and four groups will present artistic impressions. Family Night, in partnership with the Minnesota Reading Corp's program, *Read For The Record*, will follow from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. During Family Night, a featured book will be read to the kids and each family will receive copies of the book to take home. There will also be arts and crafts stations, artwork displays and refreshments provided for guests.

Faribault, Minnesota: Katherine Sandberg, Faribault Youth Investment Action Team, 507-331-7836 x214, ksandberg@ricecountyhc.com

On October 21st, Faribault Youth Investment Action Team will put on an activity fair at the Faribault Community Center to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and inform families about local afterschool programs. Students will march in a small parade with flashlights around the center to kick off the event. Then local organizations, including the Faribault Baseball Association, the Faribault Wrestling Club and So How Are the Children, will present, perform or demonstrate a piece for attendees. Participants will also enjoy food and a bounce house. Around 200 people will attend the fair from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.

Grand Rapids, Minnesota: Melanie DeBay, Itasca Area Community Education, 218-327-5725, mdebay@isd318.org

Itasca Area Community Education runs programs in four districts, each of which will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd with distinct events. The Grand Rapids Middle School will host an activity fair where more than 40 vendors will showcase their afterschool opportunities for students of all ages. Groups such as 4-H, Girl and Boy Scouts, the robotics team, the orchestra and the swim association will hold demonstrations, man booths and displays and hand out literature about their programs. The fair will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 PM and several hundred people are expected to attend. Deer River ISD 317 Community Education will hold a pumpkin carving family night at King Elementary School. From 5:00 to 7:00 PM, families will decorate and carve pumpkins and play pumpkin games. Some 150 people may attend. Bigfork Community Education will hold a family & community art night at Bigfork K-12 to celebrate. Guests will illustrate, paint and draw on 6x6 blocks representing the Bigfork community from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Finally, Nashwauk-Keewatin Community Education ISD 319 will hold a family volleyball night at Nashwauk-Keewatin High School from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Kids accompanied by adults will be admitted free and there will be games during intermission in which the whole family can participate.

Isle, Minnesota: Kathy Young, Independent School District #473, 320-676-1050, kyoung@isle.k12.mn.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Independent School District #473 will increase awareness of all the afterschool and extracurricular programs offered by publishing an article in the local newspaper on October 21st. In addition, families will join their kids for arts and crafts at the Isle Recreation Education Center (IREC) on October 22nd from 3:15 to 5:30 PM. IREC will provide a kit that shows kids how to wire lights, glow sticks (necklaces) will be distributed

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and a huge lightbulb cut-out displayed. Kids will also be able to color lightbulb patterns. Refreshments will be provided.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Kari Denissen-Cunnien, Ignite Afterschool, 612-627-0161, kari@igniteafterschool.org

Ignite Afterschool developed a toolkit to help Minnesota afterschool programs prepare to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The toolkit includes communications tips, a planning calendar and suggested interactive activities for programs to implement at their events. The Bakken Museum donated lightbulb wand-making at a reduced price to hundreds of events across the state so they could include a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) element in their plans. Additionally, Senator Al Franken recorded a [short video](#) for programs to use in their *Lights On* celebrations. The video encourages students to continue their afterschool learning and thanks parents and staff for their continued support of afterschool. Events across the state will connect on social media using the hashtag #loaMN15.

Northfield, Minnesota: Kathryn Lozada, Northfield Public Schools – Greenvale Park Community School, 507-664-3652, klozada@northfieldschools.org

The Northfield Public Schools will hold an open house on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. From 5:30 to 8:00 PM, the community will come to Greenvale Park Community School to observe enrichment activities including various clubs, open gym and homework help. Maria's Taco Hut, a local food truck, will sell food at the event, with a portion of the proceeds going to the Greenvale Parent Teacher Organization. Some 200 people will attend and the

Princeton, Minnesota: Vicki Hallin, Family Pathways Princeton Youth Center, 763-732-8201, victoria@familypathways.org

The Family Pathways Princeton Youth Center will host several activities to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 23rd, the center will hold an open house from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for the community. A local restaurant will provide food, musicians will play for an hour and attendees who sign in will have their names entered into a drawing to win door prizes. At 6:00 PM, Acting Mayor Vicki Hallin will read a Proclamation commending *Lights On*. After the open house, the Youth Center will host Box Night from 9:00 to 11:00 PM with approximately 30 teens. The evening will include health and wellness activities, games and a special activity with cardboard boxes. The teens collected cardboard boxes that have been painted to create a box in which they will stay silently outdoors for one hour in order to simulate the experiences of the homeless.

St. Paul, Minnesota: Emma Brainerd, Children's Defense Fund, 651-855-1181, ebrainerd@childrensdefense.org

Children's Defense Fund (CDF) will host three *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 22nd at United Community School, Sanford Middle School and South High School. At the high school's open house from 3:45 to 5:00 PM, students and families will learn about afterschool programs and watch students participate in a round dance and a performance from an American Indian drumming group. As many as 50 people will attend. At the middle school, students will decorate lightbulbs which will be strung throughout the hallways. More than 100 people will attend the festivities from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

St. Paul, Minnesota: Cathalina Young, Keystone Communities Services/West 7th Community Center, 651-298-5493, cyoung@west7th.org

On October 22nd, Keystone Communities Services at West 7th Community Center will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. In each of the center's classrooms, students will participate in a variety of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects, cooking classes and spoken word activities. Several guests will read stories to students. As many as 60 to 100 people will participate in the event from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Mississippi

Canton, Mississippi: Naomi Jackson, Boys & Girls Club of Central Mississippi (Canton Unit), 601-855-0001, njackson@bgccm.org

On October 22nd, the Boys & Girls Club of Central Mississippi will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at their Canton club with an open house and carnival. The open house, which will run from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, will be a chance for sponsors and donors to showcase the various programs and activities offered by the Boys & Girls Club. All of the presentations will be led by kids who are members of the club. From 5:30 to 7:00 PM, the carnival, which is designed for parents, will feature several vendors who will host stations and pass out literature on important topics such as autism and ADHD.

Jackson, Mississippi: Tye Tripp, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi, Walker Unit, 601-372-9090, ttripp@bgccm.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Mississippi will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Walker Unit with "Healthy You," an event to promote healthy eating habits. A nutritionist will speak with the kids and parents about meal preparation, healthy snacks and portion control and a chef will conduct a cooking demonstration to show how to cook healthy meals. The event is from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 22nd and about 50 people are expected to attend.

Meridian, Mississippi: Ricky Hood, Boys & Girls Clubs of East Mississippi, 601-482-2544, rrhood90846@bellsouth.net

On October 22nd, the Boys & Girls Clubs of East Mississippi will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 7:00 PM with an event that includes mentors, a rally, games for the kids and refreshments. As a part of their mentoring program, the Club will have African American males who have been selected to serve as mentors speak to the students about the importance of education and staying in school. There will be a Rally for Education to increase awareness about the need for afterschool programs and funding, followed by a balloon release. The event is open to the entire community.

Missouri

Buffalo, Missouri: Jon Behrle, Bison Academy, 417-576-0646, jon.behrle@bisonpride.org

At Bison Academy's *Lights On Afterschool* night, each of the afterschool program's classes will demonstrate what they've learned to parents, school administrators and school board members. Students in the program's piano lessons will perform a recital, kids in the Maker Space classes will display their creations, the cooking class will bake cookies, robotics class participants will

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give demonstrations of their robots and kids in the program's camera class and the Buffalo Prairie Middle School News Crew will take pictures and perform interviews with parents. The event will take place on October 21st from 4:30 to 6:00 PM at Buffalo Prairie Middle School.

Calhoun, Missouri: Sandy Halbrook, Calhoun High School 21st Century Community Learning Center, 316-350-4714, shalbrook@calhoun.k12.mo.us

The Calhoun High School 21st Century Community Learning Center program has partnered with the school district's early childhood program and Parents as Teachers to put on an enormous *Lights On Afterschool* bonfire for the community. Some 200 students, parents and community members are expected to attend the bonfire, which will also feature a petting zoo where kids can interact with donkeys, horses, goats, sheep and a monkey. Some of the older students will organize activities like a bean bag toss, carnival cutouts where people can take their picture, tag, football and pumpkin bowling. The kids will also make t-shirts and marshmallow launchers. There will be hot dogs, soda, chips, cookies and marshmallows provided. The event will also serve as a chance for parents to receive important Title I information and get to know the out-of-school providers. The bonfire will take place behind Calhoun High School on October 22nd from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

Camdenton, Missouri: Afterschool Ambassador Sherry Comer, Camdenton R-III Afterschool Services, 573-346-9233, scomer@camdentonschools.org

Camdenton R-III Afterschool Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an exciting STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) show at the Camdenton Middle School Little Theater. Mad Science, an interactive science education group, will put on its "Fire and Ice" show, which includes foggy dry ice storms, a bubble shower with trapped gas, giant beach balls floating in the air and a special Mad Science "burp" potion. The show teaches children about chemical reactions, air pressure and the states of matter in a fun, inviting way. Students from Dogwood Elementary, Hawthorn Elementary, Osage Beach Elementary, Hurricane Deck Elementary, Oakridge Intermediate, Camdenton Middle School and the Lake Career & Tech Center will come together for the event, with an expected audience of 700 people. The show will take place on October 21st from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

Columbia, Missouri: Terri Foulkes, Missouri Afterschool Network, 573-884-2936, foulkest@missouri.edu

The Missouri Afterschool Network is helping afterschool programs across the state celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in a number of ways. Leading up to *Lights On*, the network promoted the national rally through a webinar and at its grantee conference. The network developed social media and press kits for programs to harness, providing sample tweets and asking Missouri events to connect with the hashtags #MOLightsOn, #LightsOnAfterschool and #AfterschoolWorks. Additionally, the network held a #Back2Afterschool photo contest earlier in the year and began a *Lights On Afterschool* photo contest on October 15th that will run through October 23rd. Afterwards, the network will create a web video with all the pictures they receive in the contest to catalog how Missouri afterschool programs celebrated *Lights On*.

Eldon, Missouri: Afterschool Ambassador Colleen Abbott, Eldon R-1 Schools, 573-392-8060 x5, colleen_abbott@mail.eldon.k12.mo.us

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In honor of Lights On Afterschool, the Eldon R-1 Schools Learning Enriched Afterschool Program (LEAP) will host events at four of its school sites. Eldon High School will hold a “spooky” open house highlighting the robotics and cooking clubs on October 20th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. There will be a cupcake bake for the 50 students and family members expected to attend. Upper Elementary School will host an open house on October 22nd from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, complete with pumpkin decorating, the fun science of carbon dioxide activities and the latest FIRST FLL Robotics demonstrations for the 200 anticipated parents and kids in attendance. Another 200 people will attend the open house at South Elementary School on October 23rd from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, which will feature fall crafts, wellness activities and spooky science experiments. Eldon Middle School will hold an open house and “spooktacular” scavenger hunt on October 23rd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for approximately 100 people. Students and families will participate in spooky balloon science projects, construct a healthy monster mouth snack and learn teamwork skills in mummy mayhem.

Manchester, Missouri: Linda Jones, Adventure Club, 314-415-6600, joneslinda@prcommunityed.org

The Adventure Club afterschool program will hold a family dinner at Pierremont Elementary School to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The meal will include chili, salad, juice and brownies. During the meal, kids will get to help create a poster with painted handprints and dress in costume to have their picture taken in the “glamor” photo booth. More than 150 students and family members will attend the dinner, which will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM on October 22nd.

St. Louis, Missouri: Sakinah Rauf, Neighborhood Houses at Cote Brilliante, 314-383-1733, srauf@neighborhoodhouses.org

Neighborhood Houses will host a Trunk or Treat event at Cote Brilliante Elementary for *Lights On Afterschool* this year, where parents will decorate trunks filled with riches (candy) for the children. There will also be tables set up where families can creatively decorate owl lanterns and learn more about the afterschool program. Between 60 and 80 participants will attend the festivities on October 22nd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Sugar Creek, Missouri: Megan Kuhnert, Independence School District Kids Safari, 816-521-5463, megan_kuhnert@idschools.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Independence School District Kids Safari will invite parents and students to Fairmount Elementary School for an open house and a magic show. The event will begin with lightbulb decorating. There will be refreshments and parents will have a chance to explore posters highlighting Kids Safari’s afterschool and summer clubs, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) programming and field trips. Guests will then transition to the school’s auditorium to watch two short videos where students explain why they love afterschool, followed by a magic show by Reggie Reg from Healthy Hip Hop. Around 150 people, including State Representative Ira Anders, will attend the event, which will run from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on October 22nd.

Montana

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Bozeman, Montana: Dabrianna Sheen, Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Montana, 406-587-8442, dabrianna.raprager@gmail.com

On September 21st, the Boys & Girls Club of Southwest Montana held a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration full of active gym games and sports competitions. Around 30 kids and parents played dodgeball and capture the flag from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Chesterfield, Montana: Melanie Griffin, Parkway Rockwood Adventure Club, 314-415-6675, griffinmelanie@prcommunityed.org

On October 22nd, Parkway Rockwood Adventure Club will host two events at Riverbend Elementary School in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. During the morning, the organization will hold a muffin breakfast as students are dropped off by their parents from 6:30 to 8:45 AM. Then, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, families will attend an ice cream social. Students will also wear light-up bracelets in the theme of *Lights On*. As many as 30 people will attend the two events.

Lewistown, Montana: Nicole Winkler, Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown, 406-535-2257, nwinkler@bgclublewistown.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown will showcase student activity areas for parents, teachers and community members. Each area – STEM (science, technology, engineering and math), art, social recreation, sports and fitness and the kindergarten group – will put together 15 to 20 minutes' worth of activities for guests to participate in to learn more about what goes on at the afterschool program. Participants will receive a punch card that gets punched for each activity they complete, and once they have completed them all they will be entered into a raffle to win prizes. Nearly 100 people may attend the showcase, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 22nd.

Nebraska

North Platte, Nebraska: Carrie Lienemann, North Platte Public Schools Kids Klub, 308-696-3360, clienemann@nppsd.org and Melanie O'Brien, North Platte Public Schools Kids Klub, 308-532-4306, melanieowrites@aol.com

On October 22nd, North Platte Public Schools Kids Klub will hold a ceremony and the city's largest indoor snowball fight at Lincoln Elementary School to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Klub will give tickets of appreciation to program partners, including University of Nebraska – Lincoln Extension Office, North Platte Public Library and North Platte Recreation Center, and honor Dan Mauk, President and CEO of North Platte Chamber and Development Corporation, with a certificate for continued sponsorship. Students will also present skits explaining why Kids Klub is important and fun for students. North Platte Mayor Dwight Livingston will issue a Proclamation in honor of *Lights On* and throw the first snowball. For the snowball fight, the program will transform the school's gym into a battlefield with barricades and 400 snowballs donated by the company Snowtime Anytime. There will be other snowball events, like dodgeball and throwing contests, in addition to the free-for-all fight. Attendees will also enjoy a bounce house and pizza. As many as 100 people will attend the festivities from 2:00 to 4:00 PM.

Omaha, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Gwynette Williams, Collective for Youth, 402-932-2025 x1002, gwilliams@collectiveforyouth.org and Nicole Everingham, Collective for Youth, 402-932-2025 x1005, neveringham@collectiveforyouth.org
Collective for Youth hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival on October 3rd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Sapp Fieldhouse. To kick off the celebration, Governor Pete Ricketts gave a short speech, Omaha Mayor Jean Stothert read a Proclamation in support of afterschool and Collective for Youth presented several community awards. Afterwards, the kids played in a basketball tournament, performed in a talent showcase and entered a raffle to win prizes. The celebration also featured more than 40 STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activity booths run by local groups, where children and families participated in robotics competitions, played coding games, built rockets and learned about life-saving medical procedures. A resource fair gave parents and community members the chance to learn more about afterschool opportunities. Lunch was provided for the nearly 2,000 attendees, which included kids from 29 area afterschool programs.

Sidney, Nebraska: Coleen Langdon, Sidney Public School Cool Kids Club/No Limits, 308-249-6572, coleen.langdon@sidneyraiders.org
In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Sidney Public School Cool Kids Club held a parents appreciation event combined with a 14th birthday party for the club. Parents and students enjoyed a soup supper and decorations provided by the 4-H Club and participated in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects organized by Sidney Public Schools. At the event, Adams and Sons Trucking presented the Club with a donation of \$2,500 and Great Western donated \$1,000. Kids Plus, the advisory council for Cool Kids Club, presented a slide show and video promoting Cool Kids Club. More than 200 people attended the event at North Elementary School on October 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Nevada

Las Vegas, Nevada: Lisa Lee, Boys & Girls Club of Southern Nevada: James Club, 702-399-3172, lyee@bgcsnv.org
Boys & Girls Club of Southern Nevada: James Club will put on multiple events in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 22nd from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, the club will kick off a community food drive that runs until Thanksgiving. The food will be donated to Catholic Charities who will distribute it to homeless shelters in the area. In collaboration with the Kiwanis Club, the organization will also hold a haunted house at the James Club site on October 23rd and October 24th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Some 200 people will attend the haunted house each night and as many as 100 people will attend the kick-off event. The club will also construct garden beds in the clubhouse from October 9th to October 21st to promote healthy lifestyles.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Christina Mehl-Smith, 21st Century Community Learning Centers/T.I.G.E.R Club, 702-799-7360, cmehl@interact.ccsd.net
T.I.G.E.R. (Teamwork, Instruction, Growth, Enrichment, Responsibility) Club will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* for the first time this year with a student showcase at Myrtle Tate Elementary School. Students will present the projects or skills they have worked on at the center, such as scientific inventions or reading projects, to parents and community members. The

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organization will also partner with Three Square to give a nutrition presentation and with Pizza Hut to demonstrate the BOOK IT! Program, an initiative that teaches better reading habits and provides reading incentives to students. Around 150 people will attend the celebration on October 22nd from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Reno, Nevada: Maggie Repko, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, 765-247-9671, mrepko@bgctm.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows oversees more than 20 afterschool sites, each of which will run their own mini *Lights On Afterschool* event. These events will range from open houses to carnivals to smaller lightbulb-coloring activities. The Donald W. Reynolds Facility, the club's largest site, will host a family night/open house for 350 to 400 students and parents. There will be a resource fair with more than 30 local organizations, dinner, music acts and carnival games. The event will run from 4:30 to 6:00 PM on October 22nd.

Reno, Nevada: Lindy McDonald, The Children's Cabinet, 775-856-0139, lmcdonald@childrenscabinet.org

On October 22nd, the Children's Cabinet will travel to the Recreation Department in Carson City for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will decorate lightbulbs with materials provided by the department and take part in team building exercises such as the "spider web" activity, where students toss a yarn ball to each other in a circle while they describe the reasons they believe afterschool programs are important. By the end of the activity, the students will create a tangled "spider web" out of yarn. As many as 15 students will attend the event from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

New Hampshire

Bedford, New Hampshire: Lynn Stanley, New Hampshire Afterschool Network, 603-496-0994, lstanley@seresc.net

The New Hampshire Afterschool Network held its annual meeting and *Lights On Afterschool* kickoff breakfast on October 14th from 8:00 to 11:30 AM. New Hampshire Governor Maggie Hassan issued a Proclamation in honor of *Lights On* and spoke about how afterschool programs improve STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education and act as a vehicle for future workforce development. After her speech she posed for a photograph with a group of high school and middle school students from Laconia's 21st Century Community Learning Center program. Other featured speakers included National AfterSchool Association president and CEO Gina Warner, who spoke about how to build afterschool leadership, and Afterschool Ambassador Forrest Carter, who explained the impact of the *Lights On* national rally and encouraged providers to get involved. There was also a 15-minute facilitated table discussion about how to better support afterschool leaders. More than 100 afterschool program directors and site coordinators, students, school principals and representatives from youth development organizations attended the breakfast at the SERESC Conference Center, including New Hampshire State Senator Molly Kelly.

Laconia, New Hampshire: Tami Martel-Horan, Laconia School District, 603-832-5278, tmartelhoran@laconia.k12.nh.us

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Laconia School District's Project EXTRA will participate in the Laconia "Let it Shine" Pumpkin Festival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. Each child in the afterschool program will carve and decorate a pumpkin to register in the festival, which is attempting to break the Guinness World Record for the most lit jack-o'-lanterns in one place. More than 30,000 people, including dozens of business owners, city officials and school administrators, will attend the festival, which will take place at Rotary Park on October 24th from 10:00 AM to 8:30 PM.

Plymouth, New Hampshire: Jessica Dutille, Pemi Youth Center, 603-536-7264, jadutille@plymouth.edu

The Pemi Youth Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its annual open house on October 22nd. The open house will showcase the programs and activities the center offers its youth participants. About 40 supporters, volunteers, current parents and potential youth participants are expected to attend. The celebration will include a dinner, team-building exercises and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities and games. In addition, a few kids will share what the program means to them and the difference it has made in their lives. The open house is from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Seabrook, New Hampshire: Afterschool Ambassador Forrest Carter, Seabrook Adventure Zone, 603-474-3332 x3, forrest@seacostyouthservices.org
Seabrook Adventure Zone will partner with the Seabrook Recreation Department to host a *Lights On Afterschool* Halloween party for the entire community on October 23rd. More than 450 people will attend the celebration, which will feature a number of Halloween-themed activities for kids of all ages, including a "pumpkin patch" area for preschoolers and a pumpkin dessert contest. There will also be STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) displays and active demonstrations focused on healthy living and fitness. The event will run from 6:00 to 8:30 PM and will feature a full spaghetti dinner and lots of desserts and treats for attendees.

Winchester, New Hampshire: Jeremy Miller, ACCESS, 603-239-4381, x268jmiller@accessprograms.org

ACCESS celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on October 8th with a half day at the Winchester School from 12:30 to 5:30 PM. Students played games, did homework, watched movies and enjoyed snacks and supper. Over 60 students and parents participated. On Halloween, October 31st, when the community is out trick or treating, ACCESS will partner with Salt & Light Ministries to host "Light Up the Night," an event that will include gaga (a form of dodgeball played in an octagon-shaped pit) in a lighted pit and a book-mobile that will hand out books to the kids. The event will be held at the Center Church and refreshments will be served. Approximately 100 people may attend.

New Jersey

Edison, New Jersey: Wayne Blum, Edison YMCA, 732-593-5956, wayne.blum@ymcaofmewsa.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Edison YMCA will host an open house with crafts and games for kids and families. There will be Halloween-themed arts activities like designing pumpkin faces, and physical games from the Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH)

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curriculum, which emphasizes non-competitive, high-energy movement activities. The open house will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 22nd and 50 people are expected to attend.

Haddonfield, New Jersey: Afterschool Ambassador Denise Sellers, Haddonfield Child Care, 856-429-1603, dsellers@haddonfield.k12.nj.us

Three of Haddonfield Child Care's afterschool programs will hold *Lights On Afterschool* events this year. On October 22nd, the Extended Day Kindergarten Program (EDKP) will march downtown while waving handmade pennants to build awareness and support for EDKP and *Lights On*, culminating with a visit to the sculpture of the town dinosaur, Haddy the Hadrosaurus. Tatem and Central School will hold student-made art exhibits on October 22nd featuring works in a variety of mediums, from Legos to paintings, depicting their dream afterschool program.

Rahway, New Jersey: Ceal Figueroa, Impact 21/DASH, 732-680-9800 x231, cfigueroa@impact21.org

Impact 21/Destiny After School Haven will hold its 2nd annual *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 22nd from 4:30 to 5:45 PM. Student and staff will give testimonials and special performances, and there will be a display of students' *Lights On*-themed artwork. Rahway Mayor Samson Steinman will give brief remarks at the event. All of the program's 135 students will attend, as well as 25 staff members, Executive Director Juanita Daly, families and friends.

Robbinsville, New Jersey: Pam Elmi, Robbinsville Extended Day, 609-632-0910 x2215, elmi@robbinsville.k12.nj.us

Robbinsville Extended Day will host open houses at the Sharon Elementary and Pond Road Middle Schools on October 22nd in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The open houses will feature guided tours of the program's activity areas, refreshments, a parent-child arts and crafts project and a speech from Robbinsville Extended Day's Founder and Director Pam Elmi about the importance of afterschool. As many as 200 people are expected to attend, including the schools' principals and superintendents. The open houses will run from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Sarafina Nagle, Children's Choice, 505-296-2880, sara.nagle@gmail.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Children's Choice will host an art gallery at North Star Elementary School on October 22nd. Students will create lightbulbs out of various materials such as papier-mâché, whiffle balls and clay and then present their masterpieces later in the evening. Students will work on the art projects from 2:00 to 4:00 PM, and then parents will have the chance to view the artwork until 6:00 PM. More than 70 students and parents will attend the gallery event.

Aztec, New Mexico: Veronica Peterson, Aztec Boys & Girls Club, 505-334-8861, program.director@aztecbg-club.com

On October 23rd, Aztec Boys & Girls Club will put together a Halloween carnival from 3:00 to 5:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Participates will play spooky carnival games,

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such as ghost bowling and a purple people eater toss, and explore the haunted house created by the club. There will also be guessing boxes and basketball throws for participants to enjoy. More than 100 people will attend the carnival.

Farmington, New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Flo Trujillo, Farmington Public Library, 505-320-0615, flotrujillonm@gmail.com or ftrujill@infoway.org
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, students in the Farmington Public Library's afterschool program will play Minecraft, an online construction game, from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM and from 2:00 to 4:00 PM on October 23rd in the Library's multipurpose room. Each student will be allotted an hour to build their own world within the game. There will also be storytelling for children of all ages and their families. Approximately 300 people may attend. Also, on October 22nd in Albuquerque, the Rio Grande Education Collaborative will hold Luminarias for Literacy from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, where community members will "Light up the Rio Grande" with luminarias to celebrate *Lights on Afterschool*. Afterschool participants will write a story on a luminaria bag, which will be placed along the trails of the Rio Grande, a New Mexico tradition for lighting a path. In addition to these events, New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez issued a Proclamation declaring October 22nd to be *Lights On Afterschool Day*, and the New Mexico Roundhouse will be illuminated on October 22nd to raise awareness for afterschool.

New York

Albany, New York: Andrew Katz, Sidney Albert Albany JCC, 518-438-6651 x113, andrewk@AlbanyJCC.org and Afterschool Ambassador Lynn Siebert, Capital District Child Care Council, 518-426-7181 x322, lsiebert@cdcccc.org

The Sidney Albert Albany JCC will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Kids will jump around on bounce houses, play with trading cards, learn about bicycle safety, work on arts and crafts activities and enjoy treats from a bake sale. Some 100 people are expected to attend the event.

Brooklyn, New York: Shani Taylor, New York Junior Tennis & Learning, 718-375-7635, staylor@nyjtl.org

New York Junior Tennis & Learning will host an open house for parents in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will experience what afterschool classes are like for their children. There will also be a cooking demonstration, dance performances, student artwork displays and a visit from a healthcare representative. Approximately 100 parents are expected to attend the open house, which will be held on October 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at IS 228 David A. Boody Middle School.

Brooklyn, New York: Andrew Smith III, Police Athletic League, 718-257-0159, asmith@palnyc.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Police Athletic League (PAL) Breukelen Cornerstone participants will put on a talent show for parents and community members. The show will highlight the different activities that take place in the afterschool program, including poetry, art and dance. Some 125 people may attend the show, which will take place at the PAL Breukelen Community Center on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

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Far Rockaway, New York: Jill Moore, Police Athletic League at Goldie Maple Academy Beacon, 718-634-4305, jmoore@palnyc.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, students in the Police Athletic League at Goldie Maple Academy Beacon afterschool program will put on a special performance for parents and community members. Past and present participants will give testimony on why afterschool is important, and then perform songs, dances and poems for an expected crowd of 100 people. The performance will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM on October 22nd at Goldie Maple Academy auditorium. City Councilman Donovan Richards Jr. will attend.

Glens Falls, New York: Andria Prouty, The Fisherman's Net Youth Program, 518-793-9380, thefishermansnet@aol.com

The Fisherman's Net Youth Program will hold three events in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. For the first event, students will draw lightbulbs on the parking lot using sidewalk chalk on October 20th from 4:30 to 5:00 PM. The second event on October 21st will involve a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activity where students will measure, calculate and mark how many laps around the parking lot would equal a mile also from 4:30 to 5:00 PM. Then, on October 22nd, families, staff and members of the Saint Andrew Lutheran Church congregation will dress in yellow and walk a mile to support all afterschool programs and celebrate the organization's 16th year of programming. More than 25 people will attend each event from 4:00 to 4:30 PM, including local media.

New York, New York: Melissa Neubart, After-School All-Stars, 973-556-8121, newarkny@afterschoolallstars.org

On October 22nd, as many as 350 students, families and community members from across the New York City area will climb 68 stories – 1,632 steps – to the top of Four World Trade Center as part of the All-Star Climb 4 Kids challenge. The *Lights On Afterschool* celebration and fundraiser will end with a party at the top of the building with DJ Peter Rosenberg of Hot 97. Teams have to raise a minimum of \$350 to participate in the climb. Registration opens at 4:00 PM and the event will kick off with a ceremony at 5:00 PM. The first wave of climbers will set off at 5:30 PM. Participants can also register as “virtual climbers,” meaning they either take the elevator to the top or follow along on their computers at home. Kids must be at least 13 years old to participate.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Marcel Braithwaite, Police Athletic League, 212-477-9450 x394, mbraithwaite@palnyc.org

The Police Athletic League of New York City, Campaign for Children and Beacons Unite will hold a joint press conference celebrating the 25th Anniversary of Beacons in New York City in conjunction with *Lights On Afterschool*. There are currently 80 Beacons, or school-based community centers, located throughout New York City. The press conference will be held on the steps of City Hall on October 22nd from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM. City Council Speaker Melissa Mark-Viverito and Council Members Julissa Ferreras and Jumaane D. Williams will receive special awards recognizing their support of the Beacons program.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Esther Grant-Walker, Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, Inc., 212-360-7625 x212, egrant-walker@isaacscenter.org

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The Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center's SAFE (School Age & Family Engagement) programs will hold a community march, rally and open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Beacon Afterschool, SONYC Program and Tween Zone will participate in the march through the local community, which will begin at 5:00 PM on October 22nd at the Isaacs Afterschool Learning Center Community Site. Several students will speak at the rally about the positive impact of afterschool programs. After the rally, there will be an open house at the community site with an exhibition of afterschool activities, including Double Dutch, dance, soccer, singing, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects and cooking. More than 300 parents and community members may attend.

New York, New York: Daniel Guillen, COMPASS NYC, 917-618-0148 or 646-343-6137, DGuillen@dycd.nyc.gov

The NYC Department of Youth & Community Development's COMPASS unit is encouraging its more than 900 programs across New York City's five boroughs to host special events on October 22nd in honor of the organization's tenth anniversary and *Lights On Afterschool*. Events will include open houses, talent showcases, community walks, family meals and art projects. Programs across the city will connect on social media using the hashtags #COMPASS10YearsStrong, #DYCDLightsON and #DYCD to raise awareness for afterschool.

Queens, New York: Monique Maitland, Child Center of New York, 718-322-0011, moniquemaitland@childcenterny.org

The Child Center of New York's Beacon 226 afterschool program will hold a family welcome day/open house in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Throughout the week leading up to *Lights On*, students will work on science projects – the elementary school students will learn to make silly putty and the middle school students will create glow-in-the-dark rainbow water – which they will demonstrate to their parents at the event. Students will also rally throughout the neighborhood, holding signs and chanting about what afterschool means to them. After the science presentations, everyone will enjoy pizza and a short dance. The celebration will be held at MS 226 on October 22nd from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, and more than 150 attendees are expected.

Westbury, New York: Dr. Samarth Joseph, ESPOIR Youth Program, Inc., 516-385-1724, drsamarthjoseph@gmail.com

On October 1st, ESPOIR Youth Program, Inc. held a ceremony in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students and parents gathered at the "Yes We Can" Community Center from 5:00 to 6:30 PM to hear remarks from guest speaker Madeline Singas, Nassau County Acting District Attorney. Singas led the audience in raising and turning on battery-powered lightbulbs as a way to honor afterschool programs and students sang to the more than 100 people who attended the ceremony.

White Plains, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Byron Smalls, White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378, bsmall@whiteplainsny.gov

On October 21st, White Plains Youth Bureau will host family potluck dinners and open houses at each of its nine afterschool sites to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Each program will display student artwork, letters and projects explaining what afterschool means to them and their families. Each event will also feature its own unique activities, including arts projects, science fairs, a fashion show and a concert. As many as 80 to 100 people may attend each event, *The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.*

including all the Principals, parents and community members. White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and Dr. Bhavana Pahwa of the White Plains Youth Bureau will attend the celebration at George Washington Elementary School. The events will run between 2:30 and 7:00 PM.

North Carolina

Charlotte, North Carolina: Lori Scott, Grand Oak Elementary Afterschool Enrichment Program, 980-343-2063, lori.scott@cms.k12.nc.us

Grand Oak Elementary Afterschool Enrichment Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a “Take A Walk In Your Child’s Shoes” curriculum night on October 21st. There will be a yellow balloon release to kick off the event, which will be from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at the school. Publix and McDonald’s will provide nutritional snacks for families and there will be various vendors who will showcase programs and services. In addition, there will be STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) demonstrations and lessons will be presented. There will also be a health and fitness demonstration.

Durham, North Carolina: Jin Ellington, Citizen Schools, 919-636-2927, jinellington@citizenschools.org

Citizen Schools will hold its fourth annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd at Neal Middle School. Staff and students will give testimonials and demonstrate several of their programs and apprenticeships. These include Shark Tank, where students learn to create, plan for and pitch a business; I Am Iron Man, in which students build a suit of armor using advanced technology; and Real Estate, which teaches kids the ins and outs of how to buy and sell personal property. The event will run from 3:00 to 4:30 PM.

Kinston, North Carolina: Sonya Howell, Boys & Girls Club of Lenoir County, 252-686-0961, bgclenoir@suddenlinkmail.com

On October 22nd, the Boys & Girls Club of Lenoir County will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The Torch and Keystone Clubs (leadership clubs for tweens and teens) will give tours and help staff run games such as bingo, corn hole and a bean bag toss. The younger kids will color and decorate lightbulbs which will be displayed on the Wall of Fame and all the kids will wear glow stick necklaces to represent *Lights On*. Using canning jars and glow sticks, the kids also created glow-in-the-dark lights that will be placed in each room as illumination.

Morehead City, North Carolina: Andrea Nix, Boys & Girls Club of Coastal Carolina, 252-723-6873, dre@bgccc.net

On October 22nd, the Boys & Girls Club of Coastal Carolina will host its first ever *Lights On Afterschool* event with a “Pledge Rally” for kids and parents. The participating youth will recite an academic pledge to succeed this school year and also sign a pledge card. There will be opportunities for parents to meet teachers and staff and refreshments will be served. The rally will be held at the J. T. Barber Elementary School from 5:00 to 6:30 PM and 70 people are expected to attend, including New Bern Mayor Dana Outlaw, New Bern Aldermen Jeff Odom and Pat Schaible, several board of education members, members of the Boys & Girls Club advisory council and other club leaders.

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Morehead City, North Carolina: Jodie Willis, Boys & Girls Club of Coastal Carolina (Sunshine Lady Club), 252-726-6584, Jodie@bgccc.net

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Coastal Carolina (Sunshine Lady Club) will hold a talent show on October 22nd featuring club members. The talent show, which is expected to draw up to 100 people, is coordinated by a high school senior as a part of her senior project. The event will be from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and speakers will include the selected Youth of the Year, a club member leading the Proclamation and a high school senior sharing the importance of afterschool programs.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Betsey McFarland, Wade Edwards Foundation, 919-856-9233, bmcfarland@wade.org

The Wade Edwards Foundation will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 22nd from 2:30 to 5:30 PM. During the open house, kids will participate in various STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) demonstrations. Additionally, program partners, including a domestic violence group, 4-H Club, representatives from North Carolina State University and Raleigh Tutoring, will set up stations to speak with attendees and distribute informational materials. Representatives from other schools and PTAs may attend and refreshments will be served.

Sparta, North Carolina: Amanda McCarn, Alleghany County Afterschool, 336-372-8546, mccarnamanda@alleghany.k12.nc.us

Alleghany County Afterschool will hold an open house for parents and community members in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Some 200 people may attend the event, which will feature family art activities, snacks and an informal presentation from afterschool staff. The open house will take place on October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina: Pappi Conrad, The Salvation Army Ken Carlson Boys & Girls Club, 336-788-5761, pappi.conrad@uss.salvationarmy.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, The Salvation Army Ken Carlson Boys & Girls Club will combine its fall festival with a carnival for kids and parents on October 30th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. A round-robin of games will be set up in the gym where kids will have the opportunity to win prizes and candy. The Parent Council will run the activities and speakers will address the benefits of afterschool programs and what the Salvation Army offers. Local professionals will talk to students about the importance of staying in school.

North Dakota

Fargo, North Dakota: Becky Mueller, South East Education Cooperative, 701-446-3195, muelleb@ndseec.com

The South East Education Cooperative issued a statewide challenge to North Dakota afterschool programs to promote *Lights On Afterschool*. Kids in each program recorded a video sharing their plans for *Lights On* and challenging another program in the state to do the same. After *Lights On*, South East Education Cooperative will combine the submissions to create a promotional video for afterschool programs in North Dakota. Additionally, North Dakota Governor Jack Dalrymple

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and Fargo Mayor Tim Mahoney have both issued Proclamations in support of afterschool programs.

Fargo, North Dakota: Kari Langberg, YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties, 701-293-9622, langeberg@ymcacassclay.org

Students from across Fargo will participate in the YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties 1K Youth Run on October 22nd from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Before the race, the children will decorate motivational signs and lightbulbs to place along the route. The kids will all wear silly outfits and do a “crazy” warm-up before they start running, and afterwards each site will take a group picture together. The run will take place at Island Park and as many as 1,200 children will participate.

Fargo, North Dakota: Brian Kemp, CHARISM, 701-730-4411, bkemp@charism.org
CHARISM hosted a talent show on October 17th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Around 20 students from the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) club developed engineering projects, such as bridges constructed out of marshmallows, to present to families and teachers at the show. Other students used their presentation time to explain some of the engineering-focused iPad games they explore during the afterschool program, like Gravity Lab and Scratch Jr. More than 40 people enjoyed the show from 3:30 to 5:00 at Eastwood Elementary School.

Minot, North Dakota: Boyd Strand, Minot Public Schools, 701-858-0952, boyd.strand@minot.k12.nd.us

Minot Public Schools 21st Century Community Learning Center hosted two open houses at Longfellow and Washington Elementary Schools on October 15th for *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants played Book Bingo at each site from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Around 200 people attended the events, including Assistant Superintendent Tracey Lawson and local media.

Ohio

Cincinnati, Ohio: Brittany Lovett, Blue Ash YMCA, 513-791-5000, blovett@cincinnatiymca.org

Each of the six afterschool sites in the Greater Cincinnati YMCA network will hold a mini open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. Each site will include an arts and crafts activity, serve a snack and give out facts about afterschool programs. Overall some 200 students and their parents will participate.

Cleveland, Ohio: Debi Pence-Meyenburg, America SCORES Cleveland, 216-881-7988, dpence-meyenberg@americascors.org

Afterschool programs from across Cuyahoga County will gather at the Great Lakes Science Center for a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Fifteen educational groups will host exhibitions with fun activities for the kids to participate in, including an Invention Convention STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) competition from 4:30 to 5:00 PM. More than 200 students from Cleveland afterschool programs will attend the event.

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Cleveland, Ohio: Lucy Conant, Salvation Army Ohio City, 216-631-1515, lconant@use.salvationarmy.org

The Salvation Army Ohio City will hold an open house for parents to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Kids will read poems and perform a skit to kick off the event, and then everyone will transfer to the afterschool classrooms to play math-related games. One game will be NBA-sponsored Math Hoops, a fast-paced basketball board game that allows students to learn fundamental math skills by utilizing the real statistics of their favorite NBA and WNBA players. Another classroom will feature story reading. The open house will take place on October 22nd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and 50 to 75 people may attend.

Cleveland, Ohio: Hana Mohammad, Horizon Education Centers, 216-314-1453, hmohammad@horizonohio.org

Horizon Education Centers' afterschool program at Charles Mooney School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 22nd from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Parents and kids will partake in Halloween-themed activities, like creating a pumpkin using pony beads and making Frankenstein pudding cups. The event will also feature a performance from a magician. Some 50 students and 20 parents will attend.

Warrensville Heights, Ohio: Rachel Archer, Horizon Education Centers, 216-317-9000, rarcher@horizonohio.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Horizon Education Centers will hold a family and community night open house at John Dewey Elementary School. The event will feature a number of fall-themed activities for kids and parents, such as leaf etching and apple painting, and fall-themed refreshments like caramel apples and apple cider. As many as 50 students and parents may attend the open house, which will run from 4:00 to 5:45 PM on October 27th.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Afterschool Ambassador Kim Templeman, Central Oak Elementary, 405-677-5211, kimtempleman@crookedoak.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Crooked Oak Schools will hold a fall festival for kids and the community on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The festival will feature pumpkin painting, a hay ride, carnival games and hot dogs, and all attending students will receive a free ticket to the school's Friday night football game. More than 200 people may attend.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Jennifer Podowski, TOUCH Tulsa, 918-521-7053, Podowskij@sbcglobal.net

TOUCH Tulsa will hold its third annual *Lights On Afterschool* fall festival on October 29th at the New Beginnings Church. Students in the afterschool program will plan and run everything at the festival, including a "spooky forest" decorated hallway, a number of fall-themed carnival games (like pumpkin bowling and corn hole), face painting and inflatables. Nearly 200 people may attend the festival, which will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma: Ty Stroble, Vance AFB Teen Center, 580-213-7166, ty.stroble.ctr@us.af.mil

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The Vance Air Force Base Teen Center will hold a fall festival and open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Guests will participate in fall crafts, carve pumpkins, cook up fall treats and enter a drawing to win prizes. The center's cooking club will also provide fall snacks for attendees. Around 30 people will attend the event at the Teen Center, which will run from 4:30 to 6:00 PM on October 22nd.

Oregon

Gresham, Oregon: Kathryn York, SUN Schools, 503-704-9133, katy@mfs.email

SUN Schools will conduct a photo contest for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* rally. During afterschool hours on October 22nd, students will capture moments from that day's enrichment activities, such as Homework Academy and Aztec dance. The pictures will then be voted on by students and the winner will be announced the following week. As many as 130 people will participate in the contest from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Newport, Oregon: Debra Jones, Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County, 541-265-5326 x316, djones@halc.info

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Youth Development Coalition of Lincoln County will host an exhibition at Lincoln County Fair Grounds on October 23rd from 1:00 to 6:00 PM. As many as 40 vendors – including Oregon State University's Extension Nutrition Education Program, Lincoln County School District Homeless Literacy Program and Samaritan Health Services – will run interactive booths for students and parents to enjoy. For example, the Samaritan Health Services booth will promote the Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) anti-obesity curriculum, provide healthy snacks and health education literature for participants as well as lead an interactive physical activity. Oregon Coast Aquarium will also hold presentations at 2:30 and 5:00 PM about whales. As many as 500 people will attend, including State Representative David Gomberg.

Salem, Oregon: Linda Perry, Salem Child Development Center, 503-363-9821, lindascdc@hotmail.com

On October 22nd, Salem Child Development Center's 19 latchkey sites will host events as part of the program's 15th annual Worldwide Day of Play. In keeping with the year's "multicultural" theme, one site will have origami and a flag parade, while other sites, such as Pringle and Sumpter, will provide Italian soda for participants. Fifteen to 60 people will participate in each of the events from 3:30 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Pennsylvania

Allentown, Pennsylvania: Laura Worman, Communities In Schools of the Lehigh Valley, 484-834-8830, wormanl@cislv.org

Communities In School of the Lehigh Valley will hold similar *Lights On Afterschool* open houses at both Cleveland Elementary School and Washington Elementary School. The open houses will feature a science presentation by partner organization Mad Science of the Lehigh Valley, after which parents and kids will create glow-in-the-dark slime. Both events will take

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place on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and approximately 50 people will attend at each site.

Mar Lin, Pennsylvania: Michele Day, Schuylkill ACHIEVE, 570-544-9131 x1262, daynm@iu29.org

Schuylkill ACHIEVE's five afterschool sites will hold their own unique events on October 21st and 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At each event, guests will enjoy a video created by a senior student about all the sites' afterschool and summer programs, local politicians will read a Proclamation in support of afterschool, attendees will explore a showcase of student work and everyone will see a special demonstration or participate in an activity. At the Minersville Program on October 21st, Schuylkill County Commissioner George Halcovage Jr. will read the Proclamation, a nutritionist will give a cooking demonstration, kids will decorate lightbulbs and everyone will enjoy a meal prepared by the Penn State Extension program. Close to 100 people may attend the event, which will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. The Mahoney area program will run from 4:00 to 5:30 PM on October 22nd. State Representative Neal Goodman will read the Proclamation and U.S. Senator James Rhoades' widow, Mary Edith Rhoades, will speak to attendees. Afterwards, a 4-H representative will lead students in the organization's "Motion Commotion" activity. Some 155 students and community members are expected to attend. On October 22nd, Commissioner Frank Staudenmeier will give the Proclamation at Pine Grove, then the 82 expected guests will learn about dog training from Brierwood Kennels. Pine Grove's event will run from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Commissioner Gary Hess will read the Proclamation at Pottsville's event on October 22nd, which will run from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, and staff from local pottery studio Mud and Maker will lead a fall-themed family art activity for the more than 200 expected attendees. Finally, the Williams Valley program on October 22nd will feature a roundtable discussion with State Representative Mike Tobash, who will read the Proclamation, followed by a play put on by the students. The event will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM and some 200 people may attend.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Kristen Kraunelis, Catholic Social Services for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, 215-945-2550, kkraunelis@chs-adphila.org

On October 24th, to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Catholic Social Services for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will host an event to showcase the talents of the more than 2,000 youth served in the afterschool programs at 12 locations throughout Philadelphia. Numerous food trucks will sell refreshments at the event from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, donating ten to 15 percent of their profits for the day to the afterschool programs. In addition, from 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM, members of the Philadelphia 76ers Dance Team will make a special appearance and offer pointers to young dancers.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Anjali Gallup-Diaz, Parent Infant Center, 215-222-5480, agallupdiaz@parentinfantcenter.org

Parent Infant Center will host 70 people for a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at "The Stucco," the organization's afterschool building. Students will showcase the work they've been doing in their various clubs, including dance, music, robotics and cooking, and everyone will join in a sing-along led by a teacher playing the piano. Handouts with the words to the songs will be provided so parents can sing along with the students.

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Denise Matza, Boys & Girls Club of Philadelphia, 215-743-7515, matzad@bgcphila.org

On October 22nd, the Boys & Girls Club of Philadelphia will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Northeast Frankford Unit from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Students will color and decorate lightbulb patterns and create posters about afterschool and the activities in which they participate. In addition, there will be a walk around the community where parents will hand out flyers promoting the afterschool programming that is available.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Angela Lowden, Art Expression, Inc., 412-561-3006, amlowden@artexpressioninc.org

Art Expression, Inc. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st with the Allegheny Valley School District from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The celebration will be held in conjunction with the PTA Book Fair, where parents, students and teachers will volunteer. Balloons inscribed with *Lights On Afterschool* will decorate the building and volunteers will wear branded t-shirts. The event will include demonstrations from Academic Games, a technology group, and the programs offered by Art Expressions will be presented in the library. These programs include STEM (science, technology, engineering and math); EcoSmART, a project that teaches elementary school students to apply creative problem-solving skills and innovative design through an art-based program; and Arts in Motion, which will be demonstrated by the Pittsburgh Ballet Theater. There will also be an art display. Refreshments will be provided.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Sharon Schweninger, YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh/PNC Branch, 412-227-6439, sschwen@ymcapgh.org

The YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh/PNC Branch will host a family night in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* at the Urban Pathways Charter School on October 26th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. The kids will design a menu and a family meal will be provided for the guests. YMCA Associate Vice President of Youth Development Deborah Pricener will give remarks about the importance of afterschool and the work of the YMCA, and the kids will showcase their talents and provide the entertainment.

West Grove, Pennsylvania: Maggie Dunham-Hathcock, YMCA of Greater Brandywine-Jennersville, 610-869-9622 x2526, mdunhamhathcock@ymcagbw.org

The YMCA of Greater Brandywine-Jennersville will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at five satellite locations on October 22nd. Each location will host an open house with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) demonstrations, arts and crafts displays and activities focused on bullying prevention. Kids will color and decorate lightbulbs to be displayed at each location. State Representative John Lawrence will present a Proclamation in honor of *Lights On* at the Penn London Elementary School event.

Rhode Island

North Kingstown, Rhode Island: Jane Stone, Sunshine Child Development Center, 401-294-3510, jstone@sunshinecdc.com

The Sunshine Child Development Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd with an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for parents, principals and teachers from the

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surrounding elementary schools. Guests will tour the facility and observe the children as they engage in afterschool activities. Each of the center's two classrooms will have arts and crafts stations where the students and their parents can work together. Parents will also be given a survey about the program to fill out and drop off at a later date. Students will prepare refreshments for the event.

Providence, Rhode Island: Elana Rosenberg, Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance, 401-444-0600, elana.rosenberg@uwri.org

The Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance (RIASPA) will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* breakfast for policy makers, superintendents and afterschool professionals on October 21st. The breakfast will focus on the "Passion, Potential and Possibility" of afterschool programs and their staff. Author and education activist Jonathan Kozol will be the featured speaker, followed by speeches from afterschool educators and a student. RIASPA will use the occasion to honor an exemplary afterschool professional who has been nominated by his/her peers. Registration opens at 8:30 AM at Rhodes on the Pawtuxet, and the breakfast will run from 9:00 to 10:45 AM, after which Kozol will sit for a book signing. Some 350 people will attend, including Rhode Island Attorney General Peter Kilmartin.

Warwick, Rhode Island: Brandi Alvarez, A Family Tree, 401-738-4444, brandi8773@yahoo.com

On October 22nd, A Family Tree will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an art exhibition. There will be classical music and various arts and crafts activities including pottery, art on canvas and food crafting. Students will have the opportunity to display their artwork for parents, school officials and Police Chief Colonel Stephen M. McCartney. The event will run from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

South Carolina

Aiken, South Carolina: Conzetta Taylor, The Quest Zone, 321-684-2131, Manyataylor@ymail.com

The Quest Zone will host an open house at Kennedy Middle School in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and community members will view students' STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects and listen to poetry readings. One group of students will read and act out Robert Frost's poem "Bond and Free" while another group will perform Maya Angelou's poem "Caged Bird." Around 30 people will attend the event on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

Easley, South Carolina: Alecia McJunkin Gilcrease, Gettys University, 864-397-3941, aleciamcjunkin@pickens.k12.sc.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Gettys University afterschool program will host an open house for students and parents at Gettys Middle School on October 22nd. Before the open house begins, guests will view a slideshow of past program events. Then from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, students will perform a skit highlighting the ten different activity areas in the program, including music and robotics. Afterschool program assistant director Libba Floyd will speak briefly about the skit and the importance of afterschool programs. There will also be an award ceremony for

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students who have been part of the afterschool program for more than three years. Around 200 people will enjoy the celebration, including members of program partner YMCA Pickens County.

Greenville, South Carolina: Kamilah Staggers, BOOST, 864-467-2606, kamilah@boostgreenville.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, BOOST will host a gathering of more than 200 community members, school staff, educators and parents to recognize the success of afterschool programs throughout Greenville. The presentation will be held at the Embassy Suites Greenville from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM on October 22nd. During afterschool hours, 3:00 to 6:00 PM, kids will participate in a number of enrichment stations focused on health and wellness to celebrate *Lights On*. There will be vision screenings, nutrition activities, physical activities such as Zumba and learning to use pedometers. In addition, the Roper Mountain Science Center will provide various science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) demonstrations.

Sumter, South Carolina: Barney Gadson, M.H. Newtown Family Life Center, 803-934-9527, barneygadson@yahoo.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, M.H. Newtown Family Life Center's afterschool program Helping Youth Pursue Excellence (HYPE) will host a rally at the Trinity Missionary Baptist Church from 6:00 to 7:00 PM on October 22nd. More than 1,200 people will attend to show their support for afterschool programs. State Representative J. David Weeks will preside over the rally and Sumter Mayor Joseph McElveen and his son State Senator Thomas McElveen will deliver remarks to the audience. State Senator Kevin L. Johnson and State Representative J. Murrell Smith will present the program with a grant. HYPE will take some time to recognize students who earned honor roll this past semester. The rally will also feature performances from the Sumter County Sheriff's Department choir and the Lemira Elementary School percussion ensemble.

South Dakota

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Kristy Messner, Belle Fourche Middle School JAM, 605-641-3139, Kristy.Messner@k12.sd.us

Belle Fourche Middle School will host a "What's in Your Back Yard?" event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and spread the word about all the fun destinations and activities available in the area. Representatives from the Tri-State Museum in South Dakota, the Bureau of Reclamation and the Devil's Tower National Monument will set up booths to engage with attendees. Guests will also partake in interactive activities such as searching for gold at Broken Boot Gold Mine's booth. As many as 100 people will attend the event for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 27th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM.

Hill City, South Dakota: Roni Prautzsch, Boys & Girls Club of the Black Hills, 605-574-2010, roni@bgcblackhills.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Boys & Girls Club of the Black Hills will hold a parade, craft fair and family night at the clubhouse. Students will march down Main Street of Hill City at 3:15 PM with homemade noise makers, instruments and flyers with statistics and facts about

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afterschool programs. Then from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, families will work on crafts like tie-dyed paper and compete in outdoor games such as tag or relay races. Approximately 150 people will enjoy the festivities on October 23rd.

Mission, South Dakota: Nicole Scheidler, Boys & Girls Club of Rosebud, 605-856-4114, nicole.scheidler@rosebudbgc.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Rosebud held an open house on October 16th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents, donors, volunteers and the school principal enjoyed a tour of the building, received snacks and went bowling. Around 75 people attended the open house, which ran from 4:30 to 7:30 PM.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Afterschool Ambassador Heather DeWit, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota, 605-371-8770, heather.dewit@lsssd.org

Each of Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota's six afterschool and summer programs will host *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. The student-planned events will highlight what the kids are learning in their afterschool programs. One location will put on special science experiments, another will hold a field day with relay races and fitness challenges and a third will feature literacy-focused activities in the new reading room. At the Southern Hills event, guests will join students as they create unique paintings to decorate the hallways of the program area. Each painting will represent one piece of what the children enjoy learning afterschool: fitness, science, art and service learning. Southern Hills students will also unveil the school's brand new playground the following day. More than 200 students plus dozens of parents and community members may attend the events.

Tennessee

Greeneville, Tennessee: Cathy Osborne, Boys & Girls Club of Greeneville & Greene County, 423-787-9334, cathygbgc@comcast.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Greeneville & Greene County will host a carnival and health fair at the club. Children will enjoy inflatables and a healthy snack while parents and community members visit booths set up by the Greene County Health Department, Tenn Care Kids and Youth Builders. Youth Builders' booth will include "Kids Print," a program that fingerprints children, with their parents' permission, to add to a database in case of emergency. More than 130 people are expected to attend the event on October 22nd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

Knoxville, Tennessee: Megan Wallace, Boys & Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley, 865-232-1220, mwallace@bgctnv.org and Afterschool Ambassador Kelly Drummond, Tennessee Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs, 865-607-9337, kdrummond@bgctnv.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley will host a fall festival and open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Kids will participate in pumpkin bowling, miniature golf, skee-ball, basketball, an obstacle course, pumpkin decorating, arts and crafts and face painting. There will also be information available for parents about the club and its programs. The festival will take place at the North Ridge Crossing Boys & Girls Club on October 22nd from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and as many as 130 people, including State Representative Art Swann, will attend. There

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will also be an open house at the Boys & Girls Club of Halls/Powell on October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and “Vestalween” at the Vestal Boys & Girls Club on October 29th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Additionally, the Tennessee Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs promoted *Lights On* at an open house on October 8th at the Walter P. Taylor Boys & Girls Club, which Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero attended. Tennessee Governor Bill Haslam also issued a Proclamation declaring October 22nd to be *Lights On Afterschool Day*.

Knoxville, Tennessee: Dana Gamby, Kid’s Place at Sequoyah, Inc., 865-594-1118, kpsequoyah@gmail.com

Kid’s Place at Sequoyah, Inc. combined *Lights On Afterschool* and its 20th anniversary for a large celebration on October 15th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Each of the program’s clubs put together an activity, including a mini chess tournament, drama games, a dance party and soccer. The newspaper club “reported” on the event throughout its duration. A number of partner organizations brought activities as well – the Boy Scouts held experiments in their STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) van, there was a donation collection for local animal rescue group The Gentle Barn and the Girl Scouts organized tie-dyeing and face painting. Students tie-dyed special “Peace, love, KP” shirts in honor of the group’s 20th anniversary. The event took place on the Sequoyah Elementary playground and approximately 150 parents, students and community members attended.

Madisonville, Tennessee: Staci Dean, Boys & Girls Club of the Monroe Area, 423-442-6770, sself@bgcmonroearea.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Monroe Area will host a drop-in open house for current and potential club members, parents and the community at Boys & Girls Club Madisonville to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature games for the kids and a Q&A with program staff where attendees can learn more about the afterschool program and upcoming events. As many as 30 guests, including local media, will attend the open house on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Morristown, Tennessee: Betsy Hurst, Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc., 423-581-5420, betsy.afterschoolprogram.hurst@gmail.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the three counties with Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, Inc. afterschool programs planned open houses to be held throughout October: Grainger County will hold their open houses on October 20th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM and Union County will hold theirs on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. On October 13th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, the six afterschool sites in Hamblen County held their open houses. There were multiple arts and crafts activities, including building a pumpkin using various materials and an art project where students drew about their experience in the afterschool program, a demonstration from the Cooking Club using fruits to make healthy snacks, games and a photo booth for families to take pictures. The schools’ guidance counselors also spoke to attendees about bullying. About 100 to 200 people attended each open house in Hamblen County.

Nashville, Tennessee: Candy Markman, Nashville After Zone Alliance, 615-473-5394, candy.markman@nashville.gov

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Nashville After Zone Alliance (NAZA) will organize tours of afterschool programs across the city for government officials and prominent community members. *The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.*

members. NAZA divides Nashville into five “zones,” covering 22 middle schools with afterschool programs run by 45 different youth organizations. One school in each zone will host a tour of its program. For instance, McMurray Middle Prep in the South Central Zone will host Nashville Mayor Megan Barry, school board members JoAnn Brannon and Will Pinkston, District Council member Davette Blalock and Nashville Public Library Associate Director Elyse Adler, and Moses McKissack Middle School in the Northwest Zone will provide a tour for District Council members Loniel Greene, Brenda Haywood and Bob Mendes. Four of the five zones – Northwest, McGavock, Southeast and South Central – will hold their tours on October 22nd, and the Northeast Zone will hold its tour on November 10th. Each tour will be between 4:00 and 5:30 PM. Additionally, NAZA will sponsor “Lights on in the Library” throughout the week, where school and branch librarians will help NAZA students access all the resources available through Limitless Libraries.

White Pines, Tennessee: Rachel Hicks, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley, 865-761-0143, rhicks@bgcdumplinvalley.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley will hold an open house event. Around 100 people will participate in the open house, which will include physical activities, trivia and educational games for the children. Attendees will have the opportunity to admire student artwork in the art room, some of which will be auctioned off to donors at the end of the evening. Members can also enjoy a snack sold by the Torch Club and engage with books about life in the Boys & Girls Club. Parents, students, teachers and the principal of White Pine Elementary School, Bill Walker, will attend the open house on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Texas

Austin, Texas: Santa Aguirre, ACE 21st Century, 512-803-8449, santaaguirre@ymail.com
ACE 21st Century will host an open house in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. Following the afterschool activities, instructors will present a learning activity or performance for the students from 5:00 to 5:30 PM. Fourth- and fifth-grade students will bake a cake while using only French to communicate with each other, and second-grade students will make puppets and perform a puppet show. The event will take place at the ACE Afterschool village in Blazier Elementary School.

Dallas, Texas: Judy Danielson, Big Thought, Thriving Minds, 214-649-3163, judy.danielson@bigthought.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Big Thought, Thriving Minds will hold a literacy-based event at Casa View Elementary School on October 22nd from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. Children and their families will be taught to make “lap desks,” a place where children can comfortably read, do homework or play.

Fort Worth, Texas: Brittany Turner, Fort Worth Afterschool Programs, 817-815-5333, Brittany.Turner@fwisd.org

Fort Worth Afterschool Program will host a student artwork showcase at Jean McClung Middle School on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will

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perform a contemporary dance, a play, a Hispanic dance and a runway show and display media artwork, sculptures, paintings and sketches to be judged at the event. There will also be a resource fair with a number of local vendors, including Santa Fe Youth Services–Strengthening Families and the University of North Texas Health Science Center for the 100 attendees expected, including local Pastor of Life Vision Church Joel Bogar and Fort Worth Independent School District Principal Norbert Whitaker.

Georgetown, Texas: Erica McMahon, The Georgetown Project, 512-943-5198,
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Students in the Georgetown Project afterschool programs will put on a Sparks Showcase to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The program defines “Sparks” as an individual’s deepest passions and interests that give him/her meaning, focus, joy and energy, so students will each put together a display board or perform a talent that exhibits their Spark at the showcase. In the weeks leading up to the event, all the different programs in the Georgetown Project’s Assets Afterschool Alliance will host their own mini Sparks Fairs, and a select few students from each of these fairs will have their Spark displayed at the main showcase on October 22nd. The showcase will run from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at the Georgetown Recreation Center, and some 200 people are expected to attend.

Houston, Texas: Nekia Robinson, Alief ISD After School Programs, 281-498-8110 x2126,
nekiarobinson@aliefisd.net

On October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Alief ISD After School Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at 22 sites in the school district. All events will have a “Flashing Light” theme. Students will have the opportunity to make a flashlight and then put on a “fireworks” display using the flashlights and stencils. They will also play with glow-in-the-dark bubbles and make flaming pizzas. There will be health, nutrition and physical fitness activities, as well as games and science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) demonstrations. The site coordinators will speak at each event to discuss the importance of afterschool. Around 1,700 parents and students will participate.

Houston, Texas: Kia Reddix, Houston Independent School District - Sharpstown International School, 713-778-3440, kreddix@houstonisd.org

On October 22nd, Sharpstown International School will collaborate with the Girl Scouts and Dairy MAX’s Fuel Up to Play 60 to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a family event focused on physical activity and nutrition. Fuel Up to Play 60 empowers students to lead their schools in fueling up with nutrient-rich foods and getting active at least 60 minutes every day. There will be an obstacle course and other sporting events going on in the school’s gymnasium throughout the event.

Houston, Texas: DeDe Springer, Landrum ACE Program, 713-251-3803,
dianne.springer@springbranchisd.com

On November 5th, the Landrum ACE Program will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* at Landrum Elementary School from 5:00 to 7:00 PM with a community health fair for students and families. Vendors who work on the issues many students face, such as bullying and drug use, will be on hand to pass out literature. Organizations such as the Houston Food Bank and Child Nutrition Services and the Chik-fil-A Cow will hand out information and provide healthy snacks. In *The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at* www.afterschoolalliance.org.

addition, students who worked on project-based activities will have the opportunity to display their work. The YMCA will lead physical activities and give Zumba demonstrations for the guests.

San Antonio, Texas: Bianca Martinez, San Antonio Youth, 210-223-3131,
bianca@sanantonioyouth.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, San Antonio Youth will hold an open house and carnival on October 22nd including all 11 of its afterschool sites. Three families from each site will submit and display art depicting their interpretation of afterschool and prizes. The art will be judged by attendees and the winners will receive prizes. In addition to the art competition and display, there will be activities focused on light, such as cosmic bowling and STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) demonstrations with glow sticks. There will be putt-putt and a ring toss and families will also have an opportunity to take pictures in a photo booth. Refreshments will be provided. As many 60 people are expected to attend the open house from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Utah

North Logan, Utah: Jeanne M. Nielsen, Cache County School District, 435-792-7635,
Jeanne.nielsen@ccsdut.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, students in the Cache County School District REACH afterschool program will perform body percussion numbers and sing with the Utah State University Chamber Singers for an audience of more than 1,000 parents and community members. Utah's Lieutenant Governor Spencer Cox will speak to attendees about the importance of afterschool programs and the benefits they provide to the community and the state as a whole. The event will be held at the Utah State University campus on November 19th from 6:00 to 7:15 PM.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Braidee Kolendrianos, Housing Opportunities Inc., 801-500-2059,
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Housing Opportunities Inc. planned events at all three of its afterschool sites in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Two student art galleries were held in August, each featuring displays of student artwork alongside an "All About Me" document explaining their successes in the program and goals for the future. Dinner was provided at both events. Academy Park Afterschool Program held its gallery on August 7th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, which drew 25 people. On August 21st, 120 people attended the gallery at Bud Bailey Apartments Afterschool Program. On October 22nd, the Cyprus Park Afterschool Program (ASP) will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event in collaboration with Magna United. Each of the seven afterschool programs in the collaboration will have four minutes to give a performance. Cyprus Park ASP students will perform a hip-hop dance to a song about preventing bullying. The event will be held at the Magna Recreation Center from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and 750 people are expected to attend.

Tooele, Utah: Darlene Dixon, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salt Lake-Tooele Club, 435-224-9300, ddixon@gsleclubs.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Tooele Boys & Girls Club will host a carnival on October 31st from 12:00 to 3:00 PM at the Dow James Building. The carnival will feature game

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booths, a costume parade, hotdogs and food items donated from the local food bank. Approximately 1,000 people are expected to attend, representing the Tooele Boys & Girls Club, Valley Behavioral Health, the local parks and recreation department, the county school district, the police department, the sheriff's office, the county commission, Communities That Care, Children's Justice Center and more.

West Valley City, Utah: Afterschool Ambassador Margaret Peterson, Community Education Partnership of West Valley City, Inc., 801-949-9812, cep4kids@comcast.net

The Community Education Partnership will hold *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations at 20 schools in West Valley City throughout October, including lightbulb art contests, school decorating, parent nights, talent shows and sports contest. Granger Elementary School will hold its event on October 20th from 4:40 to 5:40 PM. Students will put together a diversity video and plan a presentation complete with singing and dancing, then attendees will observe students while they participate in tutoring and enrichment activities. West Valley City Mayor Ron Bigelow, Granite District Superintendent Dr. Martin Bates, school board representative Connie Burgess, state legislators and Community Education Partnership board members will all be in attendance.

Vermont

Essex Junction, Vermont: Eliza Kuchuk, Essex CHIPS, 802-878-6982 x106, eliza@essexchips.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Essex CHIPS will hold an open house on October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The 60 expected guests, including parents, tweens and teens, will be able to tour the center and learn more about how the afterschool program works. There will be tables set up with information from both the Tween and Teen centers focused on mentoring, health and wellness and drug prevention. There will also be a "You Can Be Whatever You Want to Be at Afterschool" crafts table set up where guests can make masks. Refreshments will be served.

Hardwick, Vermont: Nicole Miller, Hardwick Elementary School, 802-472-2523, nmiller@ossu.org

The REACH! Afterschool Program at Hardwick Elementary will combine with the school's Sustainability Group to host a harvest dinner in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Some 350 family and community members will enjoy soup, salad, applesauce and other fall dishes prepared by students in the afterschool program. Participants will also go on a scavenger hunt throughout the school, which will be decorated with information about *Lights On*, afterschool and summer learning programs and sustainable living. Anyone who completes the hunt will be entered into a raffle to win door prizes. The dinner will take place on October 20th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Londonderry, Vermont: Taylor Curtis, The Collaborative, 802-824-4200, taylor@thecollaborative.us

The Collaborative will host a community-wide apple pie and chili cook-off in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents, families, community members and the Collaborative staff will all bring their chili and apple pies to be taste-tested at the harvest-themed event. The 100 to 150 attendees will have the chance to play corn hole, have their faces painted, design masks, navigate a maze

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created by the older students, enjoy live music and build scarecrows. The festivities will take place at Flood Brook Elementary School on October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:30 PM.

Sheldon, Vermont: Shauna Hines-Morton, Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union, 802-868-4967, shines@fnwsu.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Franklin Northwest Supervisory Union Crossroads afterschool program will put on a “spooktacular” Halloween carnival on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 PM in the Sheldon Elementary gymnasium. While staff set up for the carnival before the event, afterschool students will go treasure hunting using GPS, measure a plastic skeleton and play Halloween bingo. The kids will change into costume before parents and school staff members arrive for the main event, which will begin with music, dance and a student-made scary movie presentation. Afterwards, everyone will disperse to various activity stations – Lego robotics, pumpkin bowling, pin the wart on the witch’s nose (a Halloween version of pin the tail on the donkey), cookie decorating, face painting, pumpkin carving and other spooky games. The approximately 70 guests will be able to treat themselves to apple cider while enjoying the festivities. The school also will use the event as an opportunity to culminate “Socktober,” a month-long charity project where students, families and community members donate warm socks for the homeless.

Virginia

Alexandria, Virginia: Melanie Ficke, Community Lodgings, 703-739-5856, melanieficke@community-lodgings.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Community Lodgings will host an open house at the Fifer Family Learning Center on October 22nd. Parents will join their children during afterschool hours to participate in the various activities offered by the program, including arts and crafts, computer games and outdoor activities. As many as 50 people will attend the event from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

Arlington, Virginia: Lila Paig, Arlington County Office of Youth and Family Programs, 703-228-4728, lpraig@arlingtonva.us

In collaboration with Arlington Public School Extended Day and the Arlington Housing Community afterschool program, the Arlington County Office of Youth and Family Program’s Kids in Action afterschool program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* pep rally on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The rally will include five “Fun Stations” for the kids: a physical fitness station, an arts and crafts table, a healthy snack stand, a reptile showcase and a station focused on preventing bullying and building empathy. Approximately 200 students and 25 staff members are expected to attend the pep rally, which will be held at the Hoffman Boston Elementary School and Carver Community Center.

Hampton, Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador Allyson Graul, Alternatives, Inc., 757-838-2330, agraul@altinc.org

Alternatives, Inc. will hold *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations at Andrews School, Syms Middle School, Bassette Elementary School and Bryant Elementary School. At the start of each event, guests will be given a *Lights On* armband and information about 21st Century Community

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Learning Centers programs, healthy snacks will be served and then everyone will participate in a “human treasure hunt.” The interactive game encourages kids and adults to mingle by prompting them to talk to someone who meets a certain qualification – for example, “find someone whose math grades have gone up this year,” or “find someone over the age of 25 who was involved in afterschool when they were younger.” After the icebreaker game, site directors will speak about how afterschool programs keep kids safe, inspire learning and support families. Audience members will have a chance to voice their opinions about afterschool. Attendees will then rotate through several activity stations: an art station where they can decorate lightbulbs, a letter-writing station to encourage members of Congress to support afterschool funding and a station with team-building games. There will also be student “roving reporters” at each event, interviewing and filming participants about their views on afterschool for an advocacy video they will put together after the event. More than 500 students, parents, guests, stakeholders and dignitaries will attend the events, which will run from 4:00 to 5:30 PM on October 22nd.

Lynchburg, Virginia: Diane Stratton, Payne Academy, 434-515-5270, strattondf@lcsedu.net
For this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, Payne Academy students and parents rallied in support of afterschool programs at Monument Terrace, a local monument honoring the city’s veterans. Participants held signs and posters and sent lightbulb art to city council members explaining the value of afterschool. After the rally, students and parents enjoyed a Mexican dinner at Payne Academy. The rally and dinner took place on October 15th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, and approximately 30 people attended.

Petersburg, Virginia: Karin Lipscomb, Walnut Hill Elementary School, 804-731-7123, kalipscomb@petersburg.k12.va.us
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Public Consulting Group 21st Century Community Learning Center Mighty Tigers will put on a carnival at Walnut Hill Elementary School. There will be a variety of carnival activities and a chance for afterschool students to showcase the talents they have developed in the program’s clubs. Some 200 people may attend, including Petersburg Mayor W. Howard Myers, state senator Rosalyn Dance and Natalie Pennywell, a community health educator with the Virginia Department of Health. In addition, meteorologist Matt DiNardo from local television station WRIC-TV will talk to students about the weather. Members from the Petersburg fire, police and health departments will be on hand to provide the audience with health screenings and flyers with important health and safety information. The carnival will take place on November 19th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Washington

Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Washington: Erin Clapper, McChord Youth Center, 253-982-2203, erin.l.clapper.naf@mail.mil

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the McChord Youth Center will hold an open house to allow parents to see the inner workings of their children’s afterschool program. Parents will tour the center and witness a day in the life of program participants, taking part in homework Power Hour and various STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities with their kids. Afterwards, there will be a build-your-own-taco bar for dinner. The open house will run from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on October 22nd and some 100 students and parents may attend.

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Lake Stevens, Washington: Alicia Landre, Snohomish County Boys & Girls Club, Bargreen Unit, 425-377-0250, alandre@bgcsc.org

The Bargreen Unit of the Snohomish County Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Kids will play in a three vs. three basketball tournament, work on art projects and enjoy ice cream as a special treat. There will also be children's artwork on display, and the club will take time to recognize members with excellent grades and test scores. Some 50 to 70 parents, community members and school staff members will attend the open house, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Pasco, Washington: Robert Lopez, Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties – Main Branch, 509-543-9980, bob@kidexpert.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Main Branch with a Halloween-themed carnival on October 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. There will be games, science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM) activities throughout the club and dinner for the more than 300 guests expected to attend.

Toppenish, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Beth Wyant, Northwest Community Action Center, 509-865-7630 x2747, bethw@yvwfc.org

The Northwest Community Action Center 21st Century Community Learning Center program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with six open houses on October 22nd. A number of members from the city council, school board members and several local mayors will attend the event, which will begin with an inside look at how each of the six programs run their afterschool classes. Afterwards, attendees will convene at the Liberty Theater to hear speeches from current and former afterschool participants, a parent and local artist Consuelo Soto Murphy.

Walla Walla, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Brent Cummings, Walla Walla Public Schools, 509-526-1929, bcummings@wwps.org

Students in the FORWARD afterschool program at Walla Walla Public Schools will work on a digital media project in the week leading up to *Lights On Afterschool* to raise awareness for afterschool programs. Some 30 kids, representing each of the five 21st Century Community Learning Center sites in Walla Walla, will create "light painted" photographs, a photographic technique in which a hand-held light source is moved through a long exposure photograph, either to illuminate a subject or to shine a point of light directly at the camera. The photographs will be digitally processed as a slideshow, with an accompanying behind the scenes video, and shared through local news media outlets on October 22nd. The photographs, symbolizing the *Lights On* celebration, will expose the need for continued funding and support for afterschool programs nationwide.

West Virginia

Charles Town, West Virginia: Lydia McBride, Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle, Jefferson County Club, 304-728-3143, jefferson@bgcepwv.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Eastern Panhandle, Jefferson County Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The celebration will include wide-game

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activities, where members rotate through multiple activity stations. There will also be energy-efficient lightbulb graphs, and the older kids will write essays while the younger kids draw and paint. Students will also make homemade pins which will be donated to the senior center, and guests can play bingo to win prizes. The event will then move to the nearby Asbury United Methodist Church gymnasium where members will play games, make pumpkin cupcakes and have apple juice.

Lewisburg, West Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador Kasey Carter, Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County, 304-661-1018, kcarter@cisgc.org
Communities In Schools of Greenbrier County will hold its first ever *Lights On Afterschool* open houses on October 27th at Greenbrier East High School and Eastern Greenbrier Middle School. The schools are located next to one another so parents can move between each open house throughout the evening. Greenbrier East High School will host a resource fair where community groups like medical and mental health providers, the local 4-H club and a suicide prevention coalition can inform parents of the services they offer. There will be refreshments and a chance to win door prizes. Eastern Greenbrier Middle School will run its regular afterschool program, and students will escort visitors through each of their activities and explain the highlights of the program. As many as 100 people, including West Virginia State Delegate George Ambler, parents, students and community members, will attend the open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Morgantown, West Virginia: Andrew Reabe, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club, 724-787-2216, areabe@mix.wvu.edu
Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club will collaborate with Girls on the Run of North Central West Virginia and PopShop to host a Halloween-themed open house for *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 23rd, families and community members will gather at the former Woodburn Elementary School to enjoy pumpkin and cookie decorating, health and wellness activities such as a jump rope exercises and performances from the Party Brothers and Professor Bubblemaker. The event will also focus on raising awareness for anti-bullying by asking guests to sign a petition and students will be invited to create and enter a design into the U.S. Cellular sponsored poster contest. Contest winners will receive prizes from U.S. Cellular. As many as 150 people will attend the event from 4:30 to 7:00 PM including local media and the Woodburn School Redevelopment Committee's chairman, Professor Chris Haddock.

Welch, West Virginia: Carolyn Hayes, Mount View High School, 304-436-4657, chayes@k12.wv.us
In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Mount View High School will host an open house event on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Around 100 people, including Welch Mayor Reba Honake, kids, parents and school staff, will explore booths with STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) and other hands-on activities. There will also be educational booths with information about nutrition, colleges and the FASFA.

Westover, West Virginia: Julia Hamilton, Monongalia County Schools, 304-291-9210 x1702, jahamilton@k12.wv.us
Monongalia County Schools will host major events at several sites in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Each of the school sites will hold events from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and have a petition for guests to sign in support of afterschool programs. North Elementary will host a spaghetti
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dinner on October 22nd while Ridgedale Elementary will hold a masquerade family night complete with crafts and masks on October 23rd. As many as 25 to 75 families will attend each of the Monongalia County Schools' celebrations.

Wisconsin

Fond du Lac, Wisconsin: Karissa Schneider, Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac, 920-924-0530, kschneider@kidsclubfdl.org

On October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Fond du Lac will hold a Haunted House and Trick-or-Treat event in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place at the club and the Fond du Lac Family YMCA. There will be haunted house tours and booths at the Trick-or-Treat event where parents can learn more about afterschool programs. As many as 200 people will attend the celebration.

Madison, Wisconsin: Angela Tortorice, Goodman Community Center, 608-204-8035, angela@goodmancenter.org

The Goodman Community Center will host a “*Lights On Spooktacular*” family fun night on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Families are invited to wear costumes and compete in apple eating contests, make crafts such as a 3D Thankful Tree, conduct science experiments making potato lights and using an apple press and have their faces painted by University of Wisconsin (UW) softball team players. The UW Marching Band will also perform and local librarian Tracy Moore will oversee a literacy project for the kids that involves a hands-on activity and reading. More than 200 students, parents and partners from Emerson and Lowell Elementary Schools will attend the spooktacular. Goodman Community Center will also participate in a city-wide poster contest for *Lights On Afterschool* in which various schools will design afterschool-related posters and vote on a favorite. The winning posters will be displayed around downtown Madison.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Anne Reifsnyder, Engleburg Community Learning Center, 414-616-5657, annier@boysgirlsclubs.org

Engleburg Community Learning Center will host an open house at Engleburg Elementary School for the center's fourth annual *Lights On Afterschool* event. The students will participate in activities meant to highlight the center's core values: education, health and life skills, character and leadership and art. These activities will include independent reading time and categorizing foods into a food pyramid. As many as 60 students will participate in the enrichment event on October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Aleda Kitzman, Messmer Catholic Schools, 414-264-5440, akitman@messmerschools.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Messmer Catholic Schools will host a harvest fest at Messmer High School. High school students and staff will lead families in mask making, a Halloween book reading circle, slime creating and pumpkin decorating. Participants will also go through a short trick-or-treat route around the school and sample chili. As many as 150 families from Messmer Preparatory, St. Rose Elementary and St. Leo Elementary will attend the festivities on October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

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Somerset, Wisconsin: Cheryle Nelson, S.A.C. Somerset, 715-497-4848 x584,
cnelson@somerset.k12.wi.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, S.A.C. Somerset will hold a family dinner and play night on October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Somerset Elementary School. Families will get to compete in a basketball shoot-out, an obstacle course, a beanbag toss and a number of other active games in honor of Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Play. There will also be tables with science activities like experiments about motion, a food knowledge quiz, make your own slime and more. Around 100 people will attend the event, including the school principal.

Wyoming

Lander, Wyoming: Katie Rollino, Lights On in Lander, 307-332-4240,
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On October 15th, the Lights On in Lander afterschool program held a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math)-themed family night to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Attendees played a number of games, including math bingo, and conducted science experiments. Approximately 200 students, parents and community members attended the event.

Laramie, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Linda Barton, Wyoming Afterschool Alliance, 307-335-9922, linda@wycf.org

The Wyoming Afterschool Alliance will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a special conference on October 19th and 20th. State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jillian Balow will give the welcoming address, and then U.S. District Court Judge for Wyoming Nancy Freudenthal, Wyoming State Board of Education Chairman Pete Gosar and West Virginia State Board of Education President Gayle Manchin will sit on a panel titled "Juvenile Justice." Afterschool and early childhood educators and staff will attend the all-day conference at the Hilton Garden Inn and UW Conference Center to discuss the future of afterschool programs in Wyoming.

Thermopolis, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Jenny Davis, Hot Springs County School District #1, 307-864-6592, jdavis@hotsprings1.org

Three afterschool sites in Hot Springs County School District #1 will gather at Ralph Witters Elementary on October 22nd for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event. The event will begin with a video about afterschool programming and its benefits for students, parents and the community. Then families will work together to solve a mystery using investigation kits, students will showcase the projects they've been working on in the program and everyone will enjoy a dessert bar. Nearly 200 people, including families, community members and school staff, may attend the event, which will run from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the school district will put together a window display in the Common Grounds building in downtown Thermopolis. The display will feature large wooden letters spelling out STEAM, and each letter will be decorated with pictures of students involved in activities relating to science, technology, engineering, art and math. At the *Lights On* event on October 22nd, the community will sign a banner that will be added to the display. The display will also include student projects, facts about afterschool programs and information about *Lights On Afterschool*.

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International

Sasebo, Japan: Yoko Nakayama, Main Base Youth Center, 011-81-956-50-2989,
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The Maine Base Youth Center will hold an open house on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Approximately 50 parents and students will enjoy board games, chess, musical hula hoops, Lego building, a reading area and drawing tables. There will be family art stations where kids and parents can make iron-on print tote bags and mummy lights and design-your-own neck straps. There will also be a technology station featuring eco car racing. Refreshments will be served.