



LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

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2021 Representative Sample of Local Events

Alabama

Centre, Alabama: Greg Spoon, Centre Middle School, 256-927-5656,
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To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Centre Middle School will host a blood drive and informational event on October 28th. The blood drive will take place from 12:00 to 5:00 PM and will be hosted by the student leadership council. Several community partners will set up booths that provide information about student mental health services, coping with an incarcerated family member's absence, dental health, and community involvement. Up to 125 people are expected to attend.

Gadsden, Alabama: Janie Browning, Gadsden City Schools, 256-549-2928,
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The Gadsden City School District will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 28th at 11 locations throughout the district. These will include drive-through events, outdoor events, and parent events. Activities will be STEM-focused and will have a STEM make-and-take activity for students. There will be a Halloween safety activity and booths for parents. The event will take place from 4:00 to 5:30 PM and 300-400 people in total are expected.

Scottsboro, Alabama: James Allen, Ben Sanford Boys & Girls Club, 256-599-8037,
jamesa3690@gmail.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Ben Sanford Boys & Girls Club will hold a STEM-themed event at its club location on October 28th. Kids will be able to participate in hands-on STEM activities including 3D printing, robotics, and using virtual reality glasses. Food will be served. The mayor will kick off the event at 3:00 PM and it will end around 5:30 PM. Families are invited and up to 60 people are expected.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama: Lindsey Blevins, Skyland SPARK 21st CCLC, 205-759-3638,
lblevins@tusc.k12.al.us

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Skyland SPARK 21st Century Community Learning Centers (CCLC) is hosting "Reading is a Treat," a literacy night to teach families how they can support students at

home with reading. There will be free book giveaways and stations dedicated to teaching reading skills to parents and students. The event will be held on October 28th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and up to 100 people are expected.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Daniel Buitrago, Wonder Park Elementary, 907-742-1730,
buitrago_daniel@asdk12.org

Wonder Park Elementary will join in *Lights On Afterschool* by holding an open house at which families will be able to come into the school and observe parts of students' daily schedule. Family members will participate in the program's light dinner, physical activity time, coding, robotics, pre-teaching math skills, and teacher choice time.

Anchorage, Alaska: Monica Ratliff, Fairview Elementary School, 907-310-4870,
ratliff_monica@asdk12.org

For *Lights On Afterschool* and to wrap up Red Ribbon Week, Fairview Elementary School's afterschool program is inviting students and their families to a trunk-or-treat and anti-drug informational event on October 28th. The School Resource Officer sergeant and a member of the Drug Enforcement Administration will give a presentation about staying drug-free. Then, students will collect candy, masks, chapstick, books, pizza and glowsticks from each trunk. The event will take place from 5:45 to 7:15 PM and 150-200 people are expected.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Jennifer Wienke, 21st CCLC Program, 907-452-2000,
jennifer.wienke@k12northstar.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District 21st CCLC afterschool programs will host an event at the Lathrop High School auditorium on October 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will include stations focused on literacy and culture as well as performances from different programs including fencing, Native Dance, theater and the STEP team. A take-home meal will be provided. The event is open to students across six afterschool programs and up to 300 people are expected.

Arizona

Hot Springs, Arizona: Natasha Lenox, Hot Springs School District, 501-624-3372,
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The Hot Springs School District is hosting "Pumpkin Light Night" for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Student groups will provide games and activities for the community. Admission to the event is free but some items will be offered for sale to raise money. There will also be food trucks, a bouncy house, photo booth, and COVID-19 vaccinations available. Attendees are encouraged to dress up in costumes. Performances by student groups and a pumpkin decorating contest are also on the agenda. Up to 1,000 people are expected to attend.

Mesa, Arizona: Diamond Batchan, UCCAN!, 623-432-6285,
diamond.batchan@uccangroup.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, UCCAN! will host a Fallpalooza on October 30th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. The event will include tables featuring life skills, youth entrepreneurship, and a 30-day challenge for personal and professional development designed to help youth make the transition into adulthood. There will also be trunk-or-treating along with drinks and music. Food will be sold to help fundraise for the program.

Phoenix, Arizona: Jennifer Martino, Before & After School Care Program, 623-692-7507,
jennifer.martino@dvusd.org

Before & After School Care Program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event during its usual after school hours with an arts & crafts project done by students in the program. Children will gather in the library to create a lightbulb craft with positive personal messages. As many as 50 people are expected, including the school's principal and vice principal.

Phoenix, Arizona: Jeri Campton-Jackson, Norterra Canyon Pirate's Cove, 623-271-3980,
jeri.campton-jackson@dvusd.org

Norterra Canyon Pirate's Cove will hold the "Be Someone's Light" event for *Lights On Afterschool* this year. Afterschool students will write and color notes of encouragement to be placed in breakfast and lunch bags for other students and their families who participate in curbside pick up of these meals. Additionally, in partnership with Packages From Home, students will write cards to active duty members of the military who will not be home for the holidays. This event will be held on October 28th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM and up to 50 students are expected to attend.

Arkansas

Hot Springs, Arkansas: Jessica Hooper, Saline County Boys & Girls Club, 501-984-6996,
jessica@scbgclub.com

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Saline County Boys & Girls Club will host a family night on October 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Twenty families are expected to come together for pumpkin carving and a movie night on the field. Concessions will be sold during the movie, and candy and toys donated by local organizations will be distributed out to kids.

Judsonia, Arkansas: Paula Benton, Judsonia Elementary School 501-729-5196,
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Judsonia Elementary school will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a rally on October 28th. College students studying nursing and kinesiology will come to the program and lead activities for students that relate to their classes. Students will also learn how to spend and save money

wisely, and how eating healthy foods and exercising is good for their bodies. The event will be held from 3:30 to 5:15 PM and approximately 100 people are expected.

McGehee, Arkansas: Tomekia Moore, Boys & Girls Club of McGehee, 870-222-3702, tomekia@bgcmcgehee.org

The Boys & Girls Club of McGehee will host “Lights, Camera, Action” for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature a gallery with photography pieces that the children have been working on during the year. There will be a lightbulb Challenge and a presentation from Mrs. Arkansas Earth. The event will be held on October 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and as many as 100 people are expected.

California

Bakersfield, California: Felisa Patino, Bakersfield City School District, 661-631-3238, patinolongoriaf@bcsd.com

On October 28 at 4:30 PM, Bakersfield Mayor Karen Goh will make a proclamation in support of *Lights On Afterschool* in front of the historic Fox Theater. The theater’s marquee will display messages in support of afterschool. Forty-two Bakersfield City School District afterschool programs from across the city will also join *Lights On Afterschool* with art presentations, gallery walks, open houses, and more.

Los Angeles, California: Nathalie Sanchez, Think Together Dalzell Lance High School, 310-920-5791, dalzell.lancehs@thinktogether.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Think Together afterschool program at Dalzell Lance High School will hold a festival titled “Noche de Ofrenda/Night of Offerings” on October 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will honor loved ones who have passed away, and will feature an 8 foot by 9 foot altar created by students and adorned with traditional food offerings, framed photos of departed loved ones, marigolds, candles, papel picado, sage, and sugar skulls. The event will also feature a photo booth, snacks, raffles, music, games such as Loteria and Cornhole, and craft tables. The school will be covered with marigolds, flickering candles, and papel picado (perforated paper art).

San Diego, California: Ruby King, Emory Elementary School, 619-540-8384, emasl@sbusd.net

On October 28th, Emory Elementary School will host a fall carnival in its cafeteria for *Lights On Afterschool*. The theme is “superheroes” and there will be bingo games, along with superhero capes, masks, and slimes. The event will take place from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and 65 students are expected.

San Francisco, California: Liliana Santos, César Chávez Elementary School, 415-720-4471, lilianas@jamestownsf.org

César Chávez Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a festival on October 27th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. There will be various games and skill exchange opportunities as well as sports stations, game stations, a planting-a-seed station, a “why do stars shine” station, and a stress-ball-making station. Up to 200 people are expected.

San Jose, California: Gladis Arriaga, The Boys & Girls Club at Perseverance Preparatory, 408-669-9533, gladis.arriaga@bgclub.org

On October 26 at 5:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club at Perseverance Preparatory will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an event focused on social and emotional learning. At the Halloween-themed event, students will paint pumpkins to represent various emotions. Students will also participate in a maze activity.

San Rafael, California: Jake Pollak, Bahia Vista Elementary School, (415) 485 - 2415 ext. 171, jpollak@bacr.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Bahia Elementary School will host an open house on October 28th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Students will act as teachers to their parents and community members in interactive STEM games and activities. The event will be held outdoors and up to 80 people are expected.

Santee, California: Chrishaun Green, Project SAFE, 619-258-2369, chrishaun.green@santeesd.net

On October 28 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM, Project SAFE will hold an art showcase for *Lights On Afterschool* with the theme, “What Does Afterschool Mean to You.” Students will display artwork that speaks to and describes their afterschool experiences.

South Gate, California: Fatima Luna, Aspire Public Schools, 323-383-1073, fatima.luna@aspirepublicschools.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Aspire Public Schools will host a movie night for students and staff. The event will take place on October 29th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Popcorn and snacks will be served. There will be a lightbulb decorating contest and the winning design will be made into a poster and stickers. A proclamation from the mayor will be presented to directors of the program. Up to 220 students are expected.

Colorado

Denver, Colorado: Megan Nyce, Colorado Afterschool Partnership, megan@coloradoafterschoolpartnership.org, Jennifer Giambi, Colorado Afterschool Partnership, 713-834-5871, jennifer@coloradoafterschoolpartnership.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Colorado Afterschool Partnership (CAP) is hosting a lighting ceremony at Denver’s City and County Building on October 28. There will be a variety of kids’ activities from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in anticipation of the lighting of the County Building at dusk. A

CAP leader will read the *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation issued by Governor Jared Polis. STEM activity kits will be available for families to take home.

Durango, Colorado: Kathlene Frautschy, Boys & Girls Club of La Plata, 970-946-6376, Kathlene.frautschy@bgclaplata.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of La Plata will invite neighboring Mountain Middle School to join them for a night of activities on October 28th. Kids will play games to win gift certificates donated by local organizations including a relay race, a free throw contest, and a lego challenge. Dinner will be provided by Taco Bell for the 50 expected guests. The event will go from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and any 4th through 8th graders from Mountain Middle School who sign up for the afterschool program will be granted a free membership until the end of the year.

Highlands Ranch, Colorado: Sumer Sandel, Cougar Club BASE, 303-387-6709, Sumer.Sandel@dcsdk12.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Cougar Club BASE will hold a family afternoon on October 28th at which the parents and siblings of afterschool students can participate in afterschool activities. There will be Halloween-themed crafts including popsicle stick puzzles and paper bag puppet theater. Kids will be able to challenge their parents to gym games like kickball and dodgeball, and will team up with their parents to do a blind obstacle course. Snacks and drinks will be provided and up to 45 people are expected to attend. The event will be held from 4:00 to 5:30 PM.

Monte Vista, Colorado: Anika Velasquez, The City of Monte Vista Kids Connection, 719-852-6966, kidsclub@ci.monte-vista.co.us

The City of Monte Vista Kids Connection will host a Halloween festival for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 28th. From 5:30 to 7:30 PM, the club will have Halloween arts and crafts including pumpkin decorating, canvas painting and a kindness link. There will be a pumpkin patch photo booth and cookie decorating as well as a candy apple table. Dinner will include frito pie and a nacho bar. The event will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 PM and up to 100 people are expected.

Steamboat Springs, Colorado: Kristin Weese, Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado, 406-871-3160, kweese@bgcnwc.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Northwest Colorado will give tours to four groups invited to the campus: The Ski Area, City Council, the School Board, and BCG Board members. Students will show attendees the art room, which will have a decorated banner, the Lighthouse where there will be a STEAM project, the gym where an active game will be played, and the rec room where lightbulb decorations will be displayed. The event will be held on November 4th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Connecticut

New Britain, Connecticut: Tyshaunda Wiley, Shine a Light on New Britain Afterschool Programs, 860-826-3396, twiley@newbritainct.gov

New Britain Afterschool programs and Local Prevention Council partners will host a large celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* at Walnut Hill Park, showcasing activities that their programs provide for youth. The event will take place on October 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and there will be performances by the Timmy Maia Experience and the New Britain High School Band. Food and activities provided by Local Prevention Council partners and t-shirts will be given out to each attendee. The superintendent will speak at the event and more than 300 people are expected.

Delaware

Laurel, Delaware: Tasha Esham, Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware, 302-258-8787, tesham@bgclubs.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club held a candy toss parade that weaved through four lower-income communities on October 21st at 5:00 PM. The festivities began at the program with information booths highlighting their computer programming and NASA projects and kickboxing. Parents offered testimonials. The parade included a candy-themed float decorated by the students. During the parade, students handed out 500 pre-made bags with candy, a flier about upcoming Boys & Girls Club events, and free passes to Global Play entertainment facilities.

Milford, Delaware: Marlene Duffy, Greater Milford Boys & Girls Club of Delaware, 302-422-4453, mduffy@bgclubs.org

On October 28, the Greater Milford Boys & Girls Club of Delaware will host an outdoor Youth and Parent Voices drive-thru from 4:00pm to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Each classroom will staff an outdoor table showcasing afterschool activities, including STEM and art projects. Students and staff will be on hand to answer questions. Mayor Arthur Campbell, students, parents and teachers are invited and as many as 80 people will attend.

Seaford, Delaware: Melissa Ockels, Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club, 302-628-3789 x403, MOckels@bgclubs.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club will host a Trunk-or-Treat on October 29 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Three sports cars, The Joker, Batman and Dick Tracy, will be lit up in blue. Activities will include a hayride, corn hole and other family games. "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" will be aired on the big screen. Guests can also participate in the annual costume and trunk competition.

Wilmington, Delaware: Stephanie Sibley, Boys and Girls Club of Delaware at Shortlidge Academy, 302-893-9314, ssibley@bgclubs.org

The Boys and Girls Club of Delaware at Shortlidge Academy will partner with Delaware 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Christiana Care Wellness Center, and New Castle County to host a *Lights On Afterschool* festival on October 28 from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Activities include trunk-or-treat, sand art, and balloon sculptors. Featured entertainers include Tahira Tahira Storyteller and Essence Legacy Drumline.

District of Columbia

District of Columbia: Andria Tobin, Kid Power, Inc., 202-484-1404, andriana@kidpowerdc.org
Kid Power will mark *Lights On Afterschool* with a series of activities for students at its six sites around Washington, D.C., on October 28th. After a discussion of the importance of hydration before and after physical activity, students will participate in a free throw challenge, a jump rope challenge, an obstacle course challenge, a relay race, yoga and meditation, followed by hydration. Students will then join in a discussion of the value of mentoring. The activities will run from 3:30 to 4:30 at the program's elementary school sites (Barnard, Malcolm X, J.O. Wilson, Garrison, Stanton) and its middle school site (Jefferson).

Florida

Boynton Beach, Florida: Katie Jacob, Prime Time Palm Beach County, Inc., 561-732-8066 x108, kjacob@primetimepbc.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Prime Time Palm Beach County is debuting a video spotlighting four local afterschool professionals who have supported children and families as they navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. As afterschool programs continue to provide services, many face funding and staffing struggles. The [Prime Time Lights On video](#) is part of a call for action to support afterschool programs and explore job opportunities to help the community.

Kissimmee, Florida: Melisa Jimenez, 21st Century Community Learning Center, 407-569-0639, mjimenez@poincianacharter.org

The Nita M. Lowey 21st Century Community Learning Center at Renaissance Charter School at Poinciana will rally for *Lights On Afterschool* with an event showcasing student performances on October 21st in their cafeteria. Each grade level will put together a special presentation for parents and other attendees. There will also be a photo booth, raffle giveaways and a slideshow displaying photos taken during the afterschool program. The event will be held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM and around 500 people are expected.

Orange Park, Florida: Kyle Vinduska, YMCA of Florida's First Coast, 904-644-0072, kvinduska@fcymca.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the YMCA of Florida's First Coast has planned three art projects to celebrate the event. The first is a lightbulb contest at which students and their families will decorate a lightbulb for a chance to win a \$50 reward to purchase new supplies for their program. On October 28th, students will take part in an art contest at which they will draw their favorite thing about the Y and the winner will receive an art basket. Then, students will participate in the

16th annual 'Read for the Record' by reading *Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon*. Finally, as a group, students will use the components of STREAM (Science, Technology, Reading, Engineering, Art and Mathematics) to create a project incorporating *Amy Wu and the Patchwork Dragon*.

Tampa, Florida: Jaymie Johnson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, 813-252-3947,
solomon@bgctampa.org

On October 28, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay is hosting a safety festival and talent show at its basketball courts in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The Temple Terrace Police Department sheriff's deputy will lead a safety talk to teach students how to stay safe during the upcoming holidays and will hand out safety lights for them to use while trick or treating. A barbecue lunch will be provided along with a bubble station and face-painting. The event will take place from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and up to 70 people are expected.

West Palm Beach, Florida: Shakendra Moorer, BAK Middle School of the Arts, 561-882-3870,
shakendra.moorer@palmbeachschools.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, BAK Middle School will host a fall festival from 3:30 to 5:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Students will design and paint pumpkins, flowers and skulls. There will also be a scavenger hunt and trivia with fall-themed questions. Up to 60 students are expected to attend.

Georgia

East Point, Georgia: Carol Foldy, Future Seekers, Inc., 404-699-6998,
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Future Seekers, Inc. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event on October 28th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be a DJ, trivia, as well as games.

Ellijay, Georgia: Crystal Bates, Boys & Girls Club of Gilmer County, 706-276-2582,
cbates@bgcng.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Gilmer County will host an open house and art house for *Lights On Afterschool* this year. It will be held on October 28th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM and will include tours of the Club led by Club members. After the tours, visitors will gather in the gym for the art show that will include displays of artwork and lego creations that Club members have made. More than 25 guests are expected.

Lawrenceville, Georgia: Tania Ballou, Out of School Time Program, 678-277-0927,
tania.ballou@gwinnettcounty.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Out of School Time Program will host "Walk Among the Stars," an event at which attendees will be encouraged to dress up as their favorite movie character. The event will be held on October 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Rock Springs Park.

Vendors will set up booths with movie themes and provide STEM activities for attendees. There will be a DJ, food vendors and other entertainment. Commissioner Chairwoman Nicole Hendricks and Districts Commissioner Marlene Fosque may attend. Up to 250 people are expected.

Macon, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Dr. Janice Flowers, Bibb County School District, 478-765-8660, Janice.Flowers@bcsdk12.net

On October 28, Bibb County School District Before and After School Programs will host *Lights On Afterschool* events at each of its sites in Macon-Bibb from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Each school will have a variety of carousel activities such as Lightbulb Art, African Drumming, dance, fitness, Science with Slime, Paint and Play, pumpkin carving, cake walk, music, and outdoor gaming. Special guests attending will be representatives from Cadence Bank, Macon Bacon, Navicent Health, Macon Fire Department, Starbase Robins, G Ryders Bike Club, Project Aware, Tubman Museum, Girls Scouts of Historic Georgia, and the Museum of Arts and Sciences. Mayor Lester Miller will proclaim October 28 as *Lights On Afterschool* Day.

Robins Air Force Base, Georgia: Tiffany Fant, Robins AFB School Age Program, 478-327-6834, tiffany.fant@us.af.mil

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Robins AFB will host an open house and invite the families of afterschool students to the event. There will be stations dedicated to activities that represent the five core areas of the program. These include a health and wellness station showcasing how to make pumpkin smoothies, an arts station with ceramic pumpkin creations, a sports and recreation station with a family egg relay, a community service station hosting a canned food drive, and an education and STEM station with pumpkin volcanoes and take-home galactic quest kits. The event will take place on October 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and up to 100 people are expected to attend.

Winston, Georgia: Diereshe Collins, Mason Creek Elementary School, 770-651-4900, diereshe.collins@dcssga.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Mason Creek Elementary School will hold a book character pumpkin decorating contest. Students have read books in class and come up with ways to decorate their pumpkins that will represent the storybooks and their characters. The pumpkins will be displayed, and students and parents will vote for their favorites. Winners from each grade level will be announced.

Hawai'i

Honolulu, Hawai'i: Jon Cho, YMCA of Honolulu, jcho@ymcahonolulu.org

On October 28, the YMCA of Honolulu is co-hosting *Lights On Afterschool* events at three of its locations. Lincoln Elementary, Stevenson Middle, and Roosevelt High School will participate in celebrations starting at 2:00 PM. The YMCA of Honolulu will share highlights from the events

on its social media platforms. Honolulu Mayor Rick Blangiardi issued a proclamation recognizing October 28 as *Lights On Afterschool* day.

Waikoloa, Hawai'i: Carolyn Brighter, Kama'aina Kids, 808-315-9584, cbreez808@gmail.com
For *Lights On Afterschool*, Kama'aina Kids will host a fun walk and celebration on October 29 from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Students will participate in a variety of physical activities, including Crazy Cones, Physical Exercises x3, dance and Spot It! Healthy snacks will be served.

Idaho

Boise, Idaho: Alison Lark, iCode Boise, 208-537-7735, Alison.lark@icodeschool.com
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, iCode Boise will host a Halloween-themed STEM event and open house. There will be hands-on activities, gaming and treats for friends of the program and their families. The event will take place on October 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Up to 30 people are expected.

Grangeville, Idaho: Kristi Keeler, The Kids Klub, Inc., 208-983-2285, keelerk@sd244.org
The Kids Klub, Inc. sent 54 goodie bags home with families with supplies and instructions on how to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* together. The bags contained information about *Lights On Afterschool* as well as instructions to download the Skyview app, a bag of microwave popcorn, glow bracelets and a flashlight. The app provides the families with weekly challenges to find different constellations, satellites and planets, and encourages them to spend time outside learning about space.

Illinois

Chicago, Illinois: Josh Fidler, YMCA Community Schools Initiative, 847-338-9144, jfidler@ymcachicago.org

The YMCA Community Schools Initiative will host a virtual open house on October 28th. Families will join via Google Meets from 5:00 to 6:00 PM and participate in a Destination Imagination (DI) challenge. DI introduces kids to a wide range of ideas, skills, and techniques while working in teams to solve a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) Challenge. This DI activity will be a structure building challenge that students have completed before that will empower them to build on their knowledge base and share their experiences and understanding with their parents. The goal is to outbuild other families.

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Kenny Riley, Carole Robertson Center for Learning, 773-521-1600 x123, KRiley@carolerobertsoncenter.org

The Carole Robertson Center for Learning's afterschool program hosted a virtual talent show for its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 20, featuring videos created by students at the program's four sites. Students performed skits, sang, and danced. In addition, one student led a two-minute Rubik's Cube demonstration.

La Moille, Illinois: Monico Nunez, 21st CCLC, 815-910-0080, mnunez@lamoilleschools.org
La Moille School District and 21st CCLC will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event on October 28th. The event will begin at 5:30 PM with a video lesson on how to make a healthy treat. At 6:15 there will be pumpkin decorating. At 7:00, a discussion on community resources that can assist families in need. At 7:15 the pumpkins that participants decorated will be judged and the event will wrap up at 7:30. Forty people are expected to join.

Indiana

Goshen, Indiana: Natalie Williams, Boys & Girls Club of Elkhart County-Goshen, 574-533-4793, nwilliams@bgcelkhartcounty.org

On October 28th, the Boys & Girls Club of Elkhart County-Goshen will host more than 100 people at its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The event will begin with speeches from the Superintendent and Area Director, followed by a proclamation presented by the Mayor. Then, members will participate in a STEAM “light up” digital bling simple circuit activity. There will also be carnival games with prizes, and a glow party with black lights, music and glow sticks. A meal will be served. The event will last from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

Indianapolis, Indiana: Isia Williamson, Keenan-Stahl Boys & Girls Club of Indianapolis, 317-784-4561, iwilliamson@bgcindy.org

The Keenan-Stahl Boys & Girls Club of Indianapolis is hosting a STEM-themed activity fair to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. Participants will be able to rotate around Halloween-themed STEM activities throughout the Club. There will be glow-in-the-dark kickball and capture-the-flag games, as well as paper lantern decorating. The event will take place on October 28th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and as many as 100 people are expected to attend.

Nappanee, Indiana: Stephanie Hamsher, Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County - Nappanee Unit, 574-773-5200, shamsher@bgcelkhartcounty.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Elkhart County - Nappanee Unit will hold an event highlighting the importance of afterschool. There will be artwork done by the students including a lightbulb installation made by teens in the program. Younger participants will be given crosswords to complete with a *Lights On Afterschool* theme. Students will also write letters to politicians urging them to support afterschool programs. Snacks will be served at the event, which will take place on October 22nd from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Up to 130 students are expected to attend and parents will view students’ artwork when it is displayed in the building’s atrium.

Iowa

Perry, Iowa: Mary Hillman, P.A.C.E.S. Before and After School Program, 515-465-8264, mary.hillman@perry.k12.ia.us

On October 21, P.A.C.E.S. Before and After School Program hosted its annual *Lights On Afterschool* program at Perry Elementary School. The event featured Mayor John Andorf, Superintendent Clark Wicks and other community partners. Students performed a talent show and awards were given out for *Lights On* coloring, poster and essay contests. During the ceremony, Mayor Andorf issued a *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation. P.A.C.E.S. has participated in *Lights On Afterschool* for the past 22 years. More than 200 people attended the event.

Kansas

Hays, Kansas: Cari Rohleder, Fort Hays State University, 785-628-4743, cbrohleder@fhsu.edu

The Fort Hays State University Makerspace Community will feature a paper roller coaster making event on October 28th from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. The event is open to students of all ages and will be held in the FHSU Forsyth Library.

Lawrence, Kansas: Hannah Coash, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, 785-243-8781,

hcoash@bgclk.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, 12 Boys & Girls Club locations in Lawrence, Kansas will host a talent show with the theme “Strong Across Lawrence.” At each location, students will dance to a song choreographed by professional and up-and-coming choreographers in the region and a panel of judges will choose first-, second- and third-place winners. The event began at 7:00 PM on October 22nd and 500 people attended.

Kentucky

Clarkson, Kentucky: Ann Brooks, Clarkson Family Resource Center, 270-307-9934,

ann.brooks@grayson.kyschools.us

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Clarkson Family Resource Center will host a nutrition program on October 28 from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. Students will wear *Lights On Afterschool* t-shirts and learn about the “My Plate” dietary guidelines for enhancing healthy eating habits. Grayson County Board of Education Assistant Superintendent and Director of Food Services Kristy Hodges and Mayor Bonnie Henderson are invited.

Franklin, Kentucky: Altasia Clay, Boys & Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson, 270-586-6082,

ally.clay@bgcfranklinsimpson.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Franklin-Simpson and Scottsville-Allen County will host a week-long *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with events each day. On Monday, October 25, students attended the signing of a *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation by the county judge. On Tuesday, students participated in a Chalk It Up drawing contest. On Wednesday, the programs hosted a Hands On STEM challenge with multiple contests. On Thursday, the Boys & Girls Clubs will host a *Lights On Afterschool* party. For the final day, students will participate in Mix It Up trail mix activities.

Louisiana

New Orleans, Louisiana: Branna Elenz, Community Works, 641-229-5913,
branna@communityworksla.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Community Works and its nine charter school locations will light up the Superdome blue for a socially distanced event. Students will also decorate lightbulbs and make them into a collage which will then be turned into a photobooth. When parents pick up their kids from school, they can pose in front of the collage and take a picture. Older students will write letters to their representatives explaining why afterschool programs are important to them and why they should continue to be funded.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Maliah Mathis, Big Buddy, 225-388-9737,
maliah@bigbuddyprogram.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Big Buddy program will host a Trunk-or-Treat night followed by spooky sundown games on October 30th. Participants will also be able to decorate a lightbulb with messages about how important afterschool programs are in their lives. In addition, the State Capitol building will be lit up blue for the event.

Maine

Auburn, Maine: Lindsay Marchand, Auburn School Department's Before/After School Childcare Program at Sherwood Heights Elementary School, 207-740-8233,
lmarchand@auburnschl.edu

Sherwood Heights Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a party for students and staff on October 29th from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Baked goods and fruit will be served and then attendees will solve an escape room that is set up at the site. Up to 40 people are expected.

Gardiner, Maine: Holly Jordan, Boys & Girls Club of Kennebec Valley, 207-582-8458,
hjordan@bgckv.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Kennebec Valley will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with fall activities all day on October 28th. From 12:00 to 5:00 PM, there will be pumpkin carving, arts and crafts, planetarium, scarecrow judging, games, and cooking. From 5:30 to 7:00 PM, kids will cook a spaghetti dinner for their parents and community members as they listen to a presentation from Central Maine Ghost Hunters. The Maine Afterschool Ambassador will join via Facebook Live to give a presentation on the importance of afterschool programming. Up to 200 people are expected to attend.

Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland: Akilah McCrorey, Greenmount West Community Center, 667-212-5286,
akilah@greenmountwestcc.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Greenmount West Community Center will host “A Night of Treats” open house on October 28 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Guests will tour the facility and afterschool students from Baltimore Media Girls will interview parents and youth about their experience at the Greenmount West Community Center Foundation. Snacks will be provided.

Baltimore, Maryland: Joseph Niehaus, Maryland Out of School Time Network, mdoutofschooltime@gmail.com

On October 28, the Maryland Out of School Time Network will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Fall Festival from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at Abbottston Elementary School. The celebration will include art workshops, pumpkin carving, a petting zoo, and speeches by local dignitaries. As many as 100 people will attend.

Cambridge, Maryland: Miriam Moran, Boys and Girls Club of Cambridge, 443-477-6505, mmoran@bgcmetroaltimore.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Cambridge will host an evening of painting on October 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at its Leonard’s Lane location. Community muralist and Club coordinator Miriam Moran will provide art lessons to Boys & Girls Club families and community members. Local commissioners and members of law enforcement and the fire department may attend.

Massachusetts

Boston, Massachusetts: Boston’s South Station will light up in blue and yellow October 28, in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The lighting is being organized by Clear Channel Outdoor, which is also running afterschool messages on digital billboards and bus shelters across the country this month.

Chicopee, Massachusetts: Kia Urbina, Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee, 413-206-4110, kiau@bgcchicopee.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Chicopee held an event in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 21st. The clubhouse was lit up in blue, and everyone was asked to dress in blue to celebrate. There was a door-decorating contest judged by the mayor, and everyone received a blue lightbulb to take home. Treats were served, and families were able to take part in a photo contest as well as a dance party. The event ran from 2:15 to 5:30 PM, and around 75 people were in attendance.

Westfield, Massachusetts: Ashley Miehm, Boys and Girls Club of Greater Westfield, 413-562-2301, amiehm@bgcwestfield.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 28th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Teachers will discuss the history of *Lights On Afterschool* with students and their families. Students will participate in a variety of activities, including

decorating paper light bulbs to hang throughout their building. As many as 250 Club members are expected to attend.

Michigan

Brethren, Michigan: Denise Connelly, SEEDS, denise@ecoseeds.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, SEEDS will host a Spooky Science Night on October 28th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will feature Halloween-themed science projects, such as glow-in-the-dark slime and a "boo bubbles" dry ice experiment. Students will also participate in "spooky" crafts and games such as a ghost-themed softball pitch and Frankenstein bowling. The Township Supervisor may attend.

Dearborn, Michigan: Hawraa Nagi, 21st Century After School Program, 313-358-9040, hnagi@thedearbornacademy.org

The Dearborn Academy is throwing a family Halloween party to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 27th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. There will be pumpkin-painting, face-painting, a bounce house, cotton candy, food and goodie bags. Attendees are encouraged to wear costumes and up to 100 people are expected.

Detroit, Michigan: Anna Rosevear, Center for Success, 313-550-0954, anna.burghardt@center4success.org

The Center for Success will hold two afternoon events for *Light On Afterschool* on October 27th and October 28th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM. Students will decorate lightbulbs and share the reasons their futures are so bright. Other activities include building an obstacle course and a glow dance party. Students will also create a writing piece and art project centered on their future goals and dreams.

Flint, Michigan: Jenna Ruiz, Flint & Genesee Education & Talent, 810-600-1422, jruiz@flintandgenesee.org

On Oct. 7, Flint & Genesee Education & Talent and YouthQuest kicked off their month-long *Lights On Afterschool* celebration with a *Lights On with Reading* event at Eisenhower Elementary. Eight other events will take place at various YouthQuest sites through October 28 to showcase how essential afterschool programs are for Flint families. On October 28, Durant-Tuuri-Mott Elementary School will host a fall harvest party from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The event will include a variety of games, candy/book giveaways, storytelling, music, and resources from community partners. Flint Mayor Sheldon Neeley issued a proclamation recognizing October 28 as *Lights On Afterschool* Day.

Kalamazoo, Michigan: Katherine Williamson, Communities on Schools of Kalamazoo, 269-599-7964, williamsonkl@kalamazoopublicschools.net

The four afterschool programs in the Kalamazoo School District will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* virtually on October 29th. Students and their families will log on to a video call and

carve pumpkins and roast pumpkin seeds with other families from the district. The event will take place from 4:30 to 6:00 PM.

Minnesota

Faribault, Minnesota: Amy McBroom, Faribault Community School, 651-214-4459, amcbroom@healthycommunityinitiative.org

Faribault Community School will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* fall festival on October 28th from 3:30 to 7:30 PM. Up to 150 students and their families are invited to take part in outdoor games, crafts, and activities, as well as a free dinner. In addition, the school's family literacy specialists will hold a family technology information night.

Minnetonka, Minnesota: Marcia Curley, Kids & Company at Gatewood Elementary, 952-988-5215 or 612-306-1235, marcia.curley@hopkinsschools.org

Gatewood Elementary will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 28th with students and staff. There will be STEAM project areas, a staff vs. kids kickball game in the gym, game challenges and a photo booth. They will collect gently used books to donate to a local reading program. The event will take place from 4:15 to 5:30 PM.

Roseville, Minnesota: Jane Dixon, Brimhall Elementary School, 651-724-6210, jane.dixon@isd623.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Brimhall Elementary School will hold a to-go breakfast for parents, students, and staff. The event will be from 6:30 to 9:00 AM. Breakfast will include healthy foods including juice, yogurt and fruit. Food will be offered at the front door and up to 100 people are expected to come.

Mississippi

Gulfport, Mississippi: Antonio Knox, Boys & Girls Clubs of Gulfport, 228-868-2526 aknox@bgcgulfcoast.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Gulfport will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 28 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Students will participate in a variety of STEM activities. A graduate from the program will discuss the impact the program has on students. Up to 160 people are expected to attend.

Yazoo City, Mississippi: Judy Ables, Boys & Girls Clubs of Mississippi Delta, yazooud@bgcmsdelta.org

On October 27th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mississippi Delta will hold an open house focused on health for *Lights On Afterschool*. Shelf milk, toothpaste, and toothbrushes will be given away and there will also be games, prizes, and information about health, specifically bone health. Some 50 to 100 guests are expected.

Missouri

Florissant, Missouri: Philece Horton, Bryan Hill Afterschool Program, 314-422-9087, philecewilson@providentstl.org

The Bryan Hill Afterschool Program will host a spooky dance party to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 28th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. There will be four stations with activities for kids to enjoy. Students will be able to make their own glow-in-the-dark tarantulas, eat treats, dance to spooky themed music and go trunk-or-treating. Up to 70 people are expected.

St. Louis, Missouri: Rob Ogden, Stray Dog Theatre, 314-495-8728, rwogden@straydogtheatre.org

At each of six elementary school afterschool sites, the Arts In Mind (AIM) afterschool program plans to host arts-related activities designed to reinforce teamwork, sportsmanship, and imagination. The programs, set for October 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM will invite parents, teachers, and other community stakeholders to participate. Events will be held at the AIM program's sites at the Buder, Mason, Meramec, Mullanphy, Woerner, and Woodward Elementary Schools.

Saint Peters, Missouri: Marni Morales, Warren Vacation Station, 636-851-5909, marni.morales@fhdschools.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Warren Vacation Station is hosting a free evening at The Magic House with hands-on learning, glow sticks and fun activities in the St. Louis Children's Museum. The event will be held on October 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Some 200 to 300 people are expected to attend.

Montana

Lewistown, Montana: Laura Tucek, Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown, 406-535-2257, education@bgclublewistown.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Lewistown is holding a "Bigs and 'Littles' Dinner, Sip and Paint" event at their club on October 28th from 5:15 to 7:15 PM. There will be an open house with tours, a family-style meal, and a guided sip and paint. Participants will also be able to take an art kit home with them. As many as 40 people are expected to attend the event.

Sidney, Montana: Elaine Stedman, Boys & Girls Club of Richland County, 406-433-6763, e.stedman@richlandbgc.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Richland County is hosting a family meal and open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be at the clubhouse on October 28th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. The club's families, board and staff, and a few local dignitaries are invited, and up to 100 people are expected to attend.

Nebraska

Bayard, Nebraska: Kristin Maag, Bayard Elementary School, 308-586-1211, kristin.maag@bayardtigers.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Bayard Elementary School will host a Family Night Festival on October 28th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. They are partnering with local organizations who will provide hands-on activities to participants. There will be a “Little Lineman Rodeo” and a meal will be served. The whole community is invited, and up to 100 people are expected to attend.

Fairbury, Nebraska: Crystal Dewey, FYI Center CASTLE Afterschool Program, 402-826-1117, cdewey@bvca.net

The FYI Center CASTLE Afterschool Program will hold an event titled *Lights On HallowSTEAM* on October 27th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will participate in hands-on STEAM projects including a dissolving candy corn experiment, mini pumpkin volcanoes, and glow slime. The event will also include Halloween-themed crafts, snacks, pumpkin-painting, karaoke, and games.

Nevada

Las Vegas, Nevada: Christine Juarez, After-School All-Stars Las Vegas, 702-581-7941, christine.juarez@asaslv.org

On October 28, After-School All-Stars Las Vegas will host Lights On Afterschool open houses at John C. Fremont Middle School, Liliam Lujan Hickey Elementary School, Charlotte & Jerry Keller Elementary School, and Von Tobel Middle School. Guests will visit each site from 4:00 to 5:00 PM to learn about the importance of afterschool programming and the variety of activities available. Keller Elementary will host an art gallery of students’ work honoring Dia de Los Muertos. As many as 75 families and guests will attend at each site.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Luann LaRochelle, 702-799-8360 x4028, larocl@nv.ccsd.net

On October 28, Robert Lunt Elementary School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at 4:00 PM. Guest speaker Jessica Russell from Vegas PBS will lead a discussion on Thunderbirds and have families make paper airplanes. After a short video about camping, students and their families will make small campfires out of tissue paper. At 5:15 PM, students will attend an outdoor trunk-or-treat. At 5:30, the trunk-or-treat will be open to the entire community.

New Hampshire

Lee, New Hampshire: Emily Provencher, Rising Hawk Afterschool Program, 603-659-5047, risinghawkteachers@gmail.com

On October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, the Rising Hawk afterschool program held a *Lights On Afterschool* event at Mast Way Elementary School. Parents experienced a typical “day in the life” of their children’s afterschool program, taking part in such activities with students such as making glass jars and paper lanterns and taking a nature walk.

New Jersey

Clifton, New Jersey: Debra Lesnick, Boys & Girls Club of Clifton, 973-773-2697, dlesnick@bgcclifton.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the 13 Boys & Girls Club of Clifton sites will hold an event on October 28th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Children will paint pumpkins and participate in an apple-tasting activity. Club members, staff, board members and the mayor will attend. More than 400 people are expected in total.

Freehold, New Jersey: Brooke Shaw, Freehold Borough 21st CCLC, 732-761-2100, btlc@aol.com

Freehold Borough 21st CCLC will hold a rally to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in the school gym. Students will talk about the importance of afterschool programs, followed by a spooky science show put on by Mad Science. The event is set for October 28th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM and more than 200 people are expected to attend.

Newark, New Jersey: Janay Boughton, Afterschool All-Stars, 973-985-6266, janay.boughton@afterschoolallstars.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Afterschool All-Stars will host an art contest and talent show that will highlight students' favorite activities offered by the program. Entries must incorporate a lightbulb and be submitted online. One winner will be chosen to win a prize and all other submissions will be placed in a raffle for a second prize. A town hall event will feature students who will bring questions and suggestions to improve the program. *Lights On Afterschool* events will take place from October 25th until October 30th, when winners of the contests will be announced.

Robbinsville, New Jersey: Pamela Elmi, Robbinsville Extended Day Program, 609-632-0910 X2215, elmi@robbinsville.k12.nj.us

The Robbinsville Extended Day Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a student art exhibit at both the elementary and middle school levels. There will also be fall-themed games for students and prizes. Parents will be able to view students' artwork, and 200 to 500 people are expected. The event will take place on October 28th from 1:00 to 6:00 PM.

New Mexico

Farmington, New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Flo Trujillo, Northwest New Mexico Arts Council, 505-320-0615, flotrujillonm@gmail.com

On October 28th, the Downtown Makers Market will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Rally from 4:30 PM to dusk. Activities include music, games, a bilingual STEAM Story Walk, and a STEAM demonstration and Take-Home STEAM packets provided by the NM Museum of Natural History, EXPLORA Children's Museum and Wonders on Wheels from Santa Fe. Speakers will begin at 5:00 PM, followed by a Trick or Treat at Orchard Street and the

distribution of glow sticks for *Lights On Afterschool*. Featured speakers will include the manager of Nizhoni Soaps, sharing the entrepreneurship story their boss, Kamia Begay, started the soap business with her family when she was nine years old. Ms. Indigenous San Juan College, Cassie Frank, will also talk about the importance of education.

Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico: Rhonda Fowler, Holloman School Age Center, 575-572-3753, rhonda.fowler@us.af.mil

The Holloman School Age Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house on October 28th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Parents will work on “make and take” crafts with their children. The event will also feature a photo booth, face-painting, a jumping castle and educational information tables. As many as 150 people may attend.

New York

Bronx, New York: Jasimen Washington, P.S. 225x, 917-916-8748, ps225x@newyorkedge.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, P.S. 225x will hold a family night on October 28th from 3:00 to 5:20 PM. The event will begin with a rally in the schoolyard followed by a lunch and lightbulb coloring. The students will then attend two workshops, one on anti-bullying and another about college and careers. There will be raffles and giveaways during the event. Up to 85 people are expected to attend.

Bronx, New York: Jordan Barton, West Farms Beacon at Wings Academy, 347-392-9076, Luisas@phippsony.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, West Farms Beacon at Wings Academy will hold a rally on October 28th featuring presentations from groups of students about what afterschool means to them. Between 5:00 and 6:00 PM, different age groups will give 7- to 10-minute presentations. Paper lightbulbs decorated by students will be displayed on a poster during the event.

Buffalo, New York: Shea Akers, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns, 716-832-9432, sakers@bgcnt.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Northtowns will host a glow party with DIY STEM projects about lights and circuits. Students will decorate the event space with cut out lightbulbs, lamps with battery operated candles, black lights, glow in the dark materials and strobe lights. There will also be crafts, face-painting, music, and dance contests. The event will be held from 3:30 to 6:30 PM and up to 50 people are expected to attend.

Cheektowaga, New York: Maria DiVito, Building Brighter Futures Afterschool Program, 716-458-2075, mdivito@bestselfwny.org

The Afterschool Network of Western New York will light up City Hall in Buffalo and Niagara Falls to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 28th. City Hall will be lit up all night and Niagara Falls will be lit up starting at 10:15 PM and will be live-streamed to the community.

Students will also be able to decorate their own lightbulbs and share pictures of them online or mail them to their local legislators urging them to continue supporting afterschool programs.

Rochester, New York: Carla Stough-Huffman, GRASA (Greater Rochester Afterschool and Summer Alliance), 585-747-8715, cstough-huffman@racf.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, GRASA is partnering with the Center for Disability Rights to hold an inclusive Trunk-or-Treat event on October 28th. The event will be held at Frontier Field and will include a low-sensory portion of the night from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. The event will live up from 5:00 to 7:00 PM when there will be a costume contest, a large screen playing Halloween shows, a Star Wars reenactment team, and over 20 stations handing out treats. Nearly 1,000 guests are expected to attend.

Schenectady, New York: Simone Miranda, Schenectady School District 21st CCLC, 518-275-3536, mirandasi@schenectady.k12.ny.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Schenectady School District 21st CCLC will hold a festival on October 28th at each of their seven school buildings. Students will be able to participate in a number of activities, including designing and creating their own t-shirts, taking lightbulb challenge photos and doing a writing activity that focuses on why afterschool is important to them and their families. City Hall is also set to be lit up blue to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place from 4:00 to 5:30 and 30 to 40 students are expected to participate at each location.

St. Albans, New York: Joshua Milien, Jamaica YMCA, 718-215-6999, Jmilien@ymcanyc.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Jamaica YMCA held a “Lights On Olympics” on October 20th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. The event was at I.S. 59 Middle School and consisted of six games in which participants competed for prizes. The media club covered the event and 24 participants were expected to attend.

North Carolina

Newland, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Emily Neff, WAMY Community Action, Inc., 828-264-2421, emily@wamycommunityaction.org

On November 2, WAMY Community Action, Inc. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house event at their new middle school youth afterschool site from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Students will have the opportunity to tie-dye program t-shirts, participate in 4-H activities and find out information about the program. Dinner will be provided.

Winton, North Carolina: Tomeka Roulhac, Hertford County Public Library, 252-358-7855, troulhac@arln.org

The Hertford County Public Library will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a fall fun day on October 30th from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Attendees are encouraged to dress up for the event and

take a picture in front of a photo backdrop. Hertford-Northampton Smart Start Partnership for Children will give away books and treat bags with candy and non-candy items. Attendees may also enter to win one of five goodie basket giveaways. Up to 40 people are expected to attend.

North Dakota

Dickinson, North Dakota: Jessica Aparicio, RASP- Regional Afterschool Program, 701-690-8407, aparicio@dpsnd.org

RASP is hosting its fifth annual *Lights On Afterschool* carnival on October 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will participate in Halloween games and tour a haunted hall. Dinner will be served.

Fargo, North Dakota: Brittany Olson, YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties, 218-359-2329, brittany.olson@ymcacassclay.org

On October 21, the YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* Youth Run at Schlossman Early Learning Center. Students participated in a one-mile race to raise awareness about the importance of afterschool programs. The YMCA of Cass and Clay Counties works with 30 schools to provide afterschool programming.

Park River, North Dakota: Melissa Irvine, Park River Area School, 7013319546, melissa.irvine@parkriverk12.com

Park River Area School will invite its junior and senior classes National Honor Society students to participate in its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. They will visit with younger students. Then, a certified yoga instructor will lead a mindfulness exercise with the group. Board games, STEM activities, and art projects will be available to attendees as well. Parents and staff members are invited and the event will be held from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Ohio

Cambridge, Ohio: Robin Lahmers, 21st CCLC Afterschool Program, 7408680257, robin.lahmers@cambridgecityschools.org

The Cambridge Courthouse hosted the 21st CCLC Afterschool Program's *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 19th. About 50 people attended and the event was held from 5:15 to 6:15 PM. Muskingum Valley Health Care provided cider and donuts for kids, parents, and staff. A presentation on the importance of afterschool programs was given and treats, fidget spinners and glow sticks were handed out to the kids. A \$25 gift card which was donated to the event was raffled off. After the event ended, the courthouse was lit up blue for the night.

Cleveland, Ohio: Lee DeAngelis, Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association, 216-298-4440 x16, lideangelis@gcnca.org

The Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association's 21st Century Community Learning sites will host a variety of activities for *Lights On Afterschool*. Among them: The Newton D. Baker School of Arts program will feature 60 students in Grades K-8 making paper mâché lightbulbs with their parents; and students at the Glenville High School program will form

groups to come up with a design for a t-shirt for the Partners for Student Success program, with the resulting designs to be submitted to a panel of teacher judges. The events are scheduled for the afternoon of October 28.

Delaware, Ohio: Michelle Ritchlin, Ohio Afterschool Network, 833-626-6446,
michele@oanohio.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, The Ohio Afterschool Network will hold a rally at the Ohio Statehouse on October 28th from 8:30 to 10:30 AM. Ohio state legislators, the superintendent, and a police chief will make remarks on the importance of afterschool in the community. There will also be a discussion of the use of cannabis tax revenue to be used as funding for afterschool programs in Ohio. The event will close with lighting the LeVeque Tower in downtown Columbus. Up to 75 people are expected to attend.

Marysville, Ohio: Brandy Spurgeon, BASE program-Bunsold Middle School, 937-578-6417,
Brandy.spurgeon@mevsd.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the BASE program at Bunsold Middle School held a scavenger hunt on October 16th from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Twenty-five families attended and received goodie bags filled with items donated by local businesses and information about community resources.

Westerville, Ohio: Michelle Chapman, Cherrington Kids Place, 614-286-3242,
mchapman@ywcacolumbus.org

On October 28th, Cherrington Kids Place will hold an event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in its gymnasium. Students will participate in a talent show and will color lightbulbs and hang them throughout the school.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Kim Templeman, Crooked Oak Schools 21st CCLC afterschool program, kimtempleman@crookedoak.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Crooked Oak STREAM program will hold a fall festival for the entire community on October 28 at 4:30 PM. Activities will include carnival games, a chili supper, sack races, s'mores, and much more. During the event, guests can participate in the new adult education Zumba class, which is offered weekly at the afterschool program. All participants will receive lightbulb buttons as a reminder of what the night is all about. As many as 200 people may attend.

Sallisaw, Oklahoma: Laura Kuykendall, Boys & Girls Club of Sequoyah County, 918-775-4659, bgcseq@msn.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Sequoyah County will host a day of activities for the kids and community to attend. There will be sack races, a mummy-wrapping

contest, cornhole games, an eyeball spoon race, pin the "boo" on the ghost, a ring toss and fun with food. Food will be available for the kids to eat. The event will be place on October 29th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Anywhere from 30 to 35 people are expected to attend.

Stilwell, Oklahoma: Kristin Fourkiller, The ZEAL Program, 918-696-7866,
kristin.fourkiller@zionjets.com

The ZEAL Program will host their *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 28th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. A Cherokee storyteller will speak to families in attendance. There will also be Halloween-themed activities and s'mores. Up to 100 people are expected to attend, and the event will serve as an introduction to a fundraising event later in the evening.

Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma: Janice Dojcek, Tinker AFB Youth Programs, 405-734-1234, janice.dojcek.1@us.af.mil

Tinker Air Force Base Youth Programs will host a "pumpkin palooza" at their on-base pumpkin patch on October 21st from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Participants will choose a pumpkin from the patch, carve it, and learn how to roast pumpkin seeds. Hot apple cider and cookies will be served. Up to 60 kids and their families are expected to attend.

Oregon

Myrtle Creek, Oregon: Amber Lomascola, Expanding Horizon Youth Center, 541-860-7297,
alomascola@cowcreek.com

The Expanding Horizon Youth Center will host two events to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* this year. On October 28th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, the youth center will display giant cutout lightbulbs made by the kids with questions and answers about the importance of afterschool programs. Pictures from that event will be used in the 2022 Tribal member prevention calendar. On October 30th, the program will host a Halloween event at Millsite park from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be goodie bags given away and a chance to win prizes including fuzzy socks and books about Native American culture. Around 300 youth are expected to attend as well as 13 local business owners and other members of the community.

Talent, Oregon: Malesha Siegel, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley, 541-292-4851,
malesha.siegel@begreat4kids.com

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley will host Karaoke for Donuts for its members to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Kids will gather in the cafeteria, pick out a song to sing and enjoy snacks from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will take place on October 28th, and up to 50 people are expected to attend.

Woodburn, Oregon: Ayanna Zamora, Woodburn Afterschool Club, 503-308-9272,
azamora@woodburnsd.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Woodburn Afterschool Club will hold events at each of its six sites for students and staff on October 28th. Students will color lightbulbs and share why they enjoy the afterschool club. There will be a glow dance party. Up to 250 people are expected to attend.

Pennsylvania

Langhorne, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Chuck Inverso, Neshaminy Kids Club, 215-757-2554, inversoc2487@gmail.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Neshaminy Kids Club and Herbert Hoover Elementary School will host a fall festival on October 28 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. There will be pumpkin-picking, apple-stamping, candy corn, a DJ, and more. State Representative Frank Farry and Herbert Hoover Principal Dr. David Glennon will be on hand to judge the Neshaminy Kids Club scarecrows contest. More than 130 children will attend.

Schnecksville, Pennsylvania: Rachel Strucko, Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE Afterschool Program, 570-225-7245, rkmillier@lccc.edu

On October 28 at 5:00 PM, the Lehigh Carbon Community College's SHINE Afterschool Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* virtual celebration highlighting the program's engaging activities. The program's emphasis is on teaching children in science, technology, engineering, art and math.

Scranton, Pennsylvania: Tim Frank, Advancing Computer Science in NEPA Afterschool Program, 570-702-8963, tfrank@johnson.edu

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Advancing Computer Science in NEPA Afterschool Program hosted an event featuring coding with Ozobot robots. The event was on October 21st at West Scranton Intermediate School from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Students learned block coding and Javascript to program their robots to perform certain tasks.

Rhode Island

Cranston, Rhode Island: Afterschool Ambassador Ayana Melvan, Mystic Aquarium, 860-572-5955 x553, amelvan@mysticaquarium.org

On October 27, Edgewood Highland Elementary School will host a STEM Advantage *Lights On Afterschool* Celebration at 4:00 PM. The outdoor event is a collaborative effort of STEM Advantage, Cranston Public Schools, Rhode Island Foundation, United Way of Rhode Island, Mystic Aquarium and Ocean State Kidz Club. During the celebration, youth will demonstrate their STEM skills to friends and family within the community and show off the new STEM Accelerator program from Mystic Aquarium. In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Cranston City Council will present a resolution to recognize the national day and celebration during their meeting on October 25 at 6:00 PM.

Cranston, Rhode Island: Sarah DeCosta, Kidventure 21st CCLC, 401-270-8718, sdecosta@cpsed.net

Kidventure will host a showcase of student work and performances to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 27th. There will be dance and music performances as well as a display of student projects. The event will be held from 4:00 to 5:00 PM, and up to 185 people are expected to attend.

Pawtucket, Rhode Island: Shirley Marrero, Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket, 401-722-8840, smarrero@bgcpawt.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket will host an in-house event for parents and members. Snacks, educational games and trivia are planned. The event will take place on October 28th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Smithfield, Rhode Island: Aria Suzman, Kids Klub Inc., 401-475-7707, northsmithfield@kidsklubri.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the seven Kids Klub locations will hold events on October 27th and 28th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Kids will color the national lightbulb, participate in the lightbulb picture challenge and engage in STEM activities. Pictures will be taken at the events and posted on social media.

South Carolina

Florence, South Carolina: Victoria Nash, City of Florence Recreation Services Department, 843-665-3253, vnash@cityofflorence.com

The City of Florence Recreation Services Department Youth Program will put on a Trunk-or-Treat event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Several local organizations are expected to participate in the rally and parents and community members are invited to attend. The event will be held on October 28th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

North Charleston, South Carolina: Demarie Deas, Kaleidoscope at A.C. Corcoran Elementary School, 843-518-1691, demarie_deas@charleston.k12.sc.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, A.C. Corcoran Elementary held its third annual talent show followed by an art exhibit on October 21st. The talent show consisted of six performances, with students dancing, singing, doing gymnastics and performing magic. Dinner was served following the show. The event ran from 6:30 to 8:30, and around 70 people attended.

Sullivan's Island, South Carolina: Jackie Meade, Sullivan's Island Elementary Kaleidoscope, 843-214-8209, jacqueline_meade@charleston.k12.sc.us

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Sullivan's Island Elementary Kaleidoscope will host a Halloween party on October 28 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Activities will include pumpkin cookie decorating, a

cotton swab skeleton STEM activity, a parachute spider STEM activity, and other Halloween-themed games.

South Dakota

Fort Pierre, South Dakota: Kristie Maher, Stanley County GOLD 21st CCLC, 605-494-0439, Kristie.maher@k12.sd.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Stanley County GOLD 21st CCLC will host two events on October 28th. At 11:00 AM, the inaugural meeting of the Stanley County GOLD Sustainability Action Committee will be held. This group will research and develop a plan to sustain an affordable childcare option for children in Stanley County. From 4:00 to 5:30 PM, the GOLDkids will host an art show featuring works created during their “Art Superheroes” lessons. Students of the program, their families, and members of the community are invited to the event.

Watertown, South Dakota: Matthew Steiner, Boys & Girls Club of Watertown, 605-886-6666, steinermatt@bgcofwatertown.com

On October 28, the Boys & Girls Club of Watertown and the Watertown Northeast Technical High School Science Program will co-host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The event will include multiple STEM related activities. Students from the high school will set up science stations in the gym for club members to experience a variety of fun science activities, such as seeing a human brain, and learning about how physics works. In a games room, members will be showing off their architecture skills by building playing card towers, and in the Education Center, members will explore space by playing with the Galactic Kits through the 4-H STEM challenge program. Older club members will also get a chance to build a toy car out of everyday recyclable material in our Teen Makerspace room.

Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee: Kara Finger, Wesley House Community Center, 865-524-5494, Kara@wesleyhouse.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Wesley House Community Center will host a festival on October 28th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Dinner will be provided by a local restaurant. Activities will include pumpkin-painting, a lantern-decorating contest, a t-shirt craft and trick-or-treating. The night will wrap up with an outdoor group photo in the shape of a glow in the dark lightbulb. Up to 80 people are expected to attend.

Knoxville, Tennessee: Gwen Schwartz, SHADES of Development - Mount Olive, 865-579-6701, mo@shadesofdevelopment.org

SHADES of Development will hold its *Lights On Afterschool* event during student pick-up times on October 28th. Families will be able to play games with their children and enjoy healthy refreshments provided by the program. Up to 20 people are expected to participate.

Memphis, Tennessee: Shamikia Adkins, United Way of the Mid-South, 901-433-4316, shamikia.adkins@uwmidssouth.org

United Way of the Mid-South will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Trunk-or-Treat event on October 23rd from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Students and their families will drive through and receive food, candy, and vaccinations. Information about after school programming and other community programs will also be shared. Up to 1,300 people are expected to attend.

Texas

Alvin, Texas: Yajaira Tello, Communities In Schools of Southeast Harris and Brazoria County, 281-412-1445, ytello@cistxjv.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Communities In Schools of Southeast Harris and Brazoria County will host a virtual event to showcase the students activities on October 28 from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. Parents will decorate paper lightbulbs with their child to display with screen shots during the event.

Austin, Texas: Raquel Abrajan, Ortega Elementary ACE Afterschool Program, 512-507-7004, rabrajan@austinisd.org

Ortega Elementary ACE Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a family fun night on October 28 from 4:00 to 4:30 PM. The focus of the event is the love of reading, and elementary school students will participate in a read-a-thon.

Austin, Texas: LaTash King, LBJ Early College High School, 512-414-6055, latash.king@austinisd.org

On October 28, LBJ Early College High School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Activities include a bouncy house, games, raspas/snow cones, information booths and arts and crafts.

Coleman, Texas: Staci Hensley, Coleman ISD Elementary ACE, Staci.hensley@colemanisd.net

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Coleman ISD Elementary ACE will partner with the Coleman Chamber of Commerce to host a fall festival in downtown Coleman from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. More than 20 local businesses, community organizations and churches are participating. Activities include face-painting, cake walks and ghost pin bowling. Participants will receive ACE afterschool program goodie bags that include program information as well as flashlights.

Corpus Christi, Texas: Veronica Blanco, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend, 361-853-2505 vblanco@bgccb.org

On October 28 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend will host a Halloween themed *Lights On Afterschool* event at their Greenwood location. Activities will include carnival games, costume contests, music and candy giveaways. Local vendors will have information booths. Food will be provided. As many as 400 people are to attend.

El Paso, Texas: Aylin Ovidio, BOOST Network, 915-533-2434 x247,
aovidio@unitedwayelpaso.org

Throughout the week, the BOOST Network and its 15 member programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with daily activities. To kick off the celebration, BOOST Network will distribute 750 engaging activity kits among members across west Texas, Southern New Mexico and Ciudad Juarez Mexico. On October 25, programs will participate in a TikTok challenge. On October 26, students will design lightbulbs powered by potatoes. On October 27, participants will create fireworks in a jar. On October 28, BOOST Network will host a virtual Facebook Live event to showcase the various events that have taken place at their member programs in the Paso del Norte region, including a visit from the El Paso Chihuahuas Minor League Baseball mascot. The virtual event is open to the public.

Florence, Texas: Kimberly Cannon, Florence Elementary School, 254-793-2497 x1289,
kcannon@florenceisd.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Florence Elementary School will supply pumpkins and carving kits for students to take home and use with their families. Kits can be picked up on October 26th from 6:15 to 7:15 PM. Each student may take home one pumpkin to carve.

Greenville, Texas: Amber Pompa, Greenville ISD ACE, 903-454-8833,
pompaa@greenvilleisd.com

On October 28, the Greenville ISD ACE program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally on the Courthouse steps at 5:30 PM. Johanna Friedel, the Director of the Greenville ISD ACE Afterschool Program and an Afterschool Ambassador, is a featured guest. The rally will call attention to the importance of afterschool programs and their incredible accomplishments throughout the pandemic.

Hooks, Texas: Kristi Cobb, Hooks ISD Elementary School ACE program, 903-278-6769,
cobbk@hooksisd.net

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Hooks ISD Elementary School ACE program will host a painting night on October 28 from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Students and parents will paint tote bags in preparation for the Halloween carnival and painted lightbulb art will be displayed throughout the school. Superintendent Keith Mintor and Assistant Superintendent Tracy Cook will attend.

Houston, Texas: Trina Finley, Harris County Department of Education CASE for Kids, 713-694-6300, tfinley@hcde-texas.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Greater Houston Lights On Alliance will light up the city in support of afterschool programs. Throughout the week, the Montrose bridges and the main signage at George Bush Intercontinental Airport will glow blue and yellow in honor of afterschool programs. Additionally, students attending afterschool programs will decorate and display paper lightbulbs throughout their program and on social media.

Lake Dallas, Texas: Ebonie Freeman, AlphaBEST, 940-230-6994,
lakedallaselementary@alphabest.org

On October 28, the AlphaBEST afterschool program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fall festival in the Lake Dallas Elementary School cafeteria from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will celebrate the students' accomplishments. As many as 40 families will attend.

Lubbock, Texas: Rachel Elbert, J.T. & Margaret Talkington Boys & Girls Club, 806-500-2377,
relbert@lubbockbgc.org

The Talkington Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Halloween festival on October 28th. There will be candy, a bounce house, face-painting, bobbing for apples and spider-tossing. The entire neighborhood is invited, including local organizations and 200 to 300 people are expected to attend. The event will be held in the club's parking lot and gym from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Mathis, Texas: Tomasa Garcia, Mathis ACE 21st Century, 361-494-1545,
tgarcia@mathisisd.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Mathis ACE 21st Century will hold a pumpkin patch festival on the front lawn of McCraw Junior High on October 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Attendees will be able to pick out a pumpkin and receive goodies from community organizations involved with the event. There will also be a display of arts and craft projects and pictures done by students along with math activities, including weighing and converting pounds to ounces. Between 200 and 300 people are expected to attend.

Palestine, Texas: Stephanie Wickware, Palestine ISD TACE program, 903-731-8015 x3214,
swickware@palestineschools.org

The Palestine ISD TACE program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* festival on October 28 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Grace Church Pumpkin Patch. Students from the afterschool program will run various booths including face-painting, cupcake walk and photo booths. Featured entertainers include Kornpop, the balloon artist. The mayor issued a proclamation honoring *Lights On Afterschool*.

Pasadena, Texas: Crystal Perez, Pasadena Communities in School afterschool program, 281-686-1243, cperez@cistxjv.org

In this pandemic year, the Pasadena Communities In School afterschool program will host a drive-through Trunk-or-Treat event for *Lights On Afterschool*, after which students will receive a take-home arts and crafts activity to demonstrate their creative initiative through the arts. The activity kit will include a canvas, paint, paint brushes, and a template from which to work, as well as flyers about afterschool programs and Halloween safety tips. Students and their families will submit a picture of their completed project. The Trunk-or-Treat event will run from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on October 28.

San Antonio, Texas: Kathleen Lanzalotto, Baptist Temple Early Learning Center, 210-533-0165, katbtelc@gmail.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Baptist Temple Early Learning Center will host an open house on October 28 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM for community members to learn more about afterschool programs in the area. The event will include music, crafts, door prizes, face-painting, glow in the dark balloons and hands-on activities. Student artwork will be displayed, and staff and students will talk about the importance of their afterschool program. Dinner will be provided. The event will conclude with students trick-or-treating in each of the program's classrooms. As many as 300 people may attend.

Smithville, Texas: Ashley Gartman, Smithville ISD, 512-237-5623, agartman@smithvilleisd.org

On October 23, Smithville ISD hosted a Halloween-themed *Lights On Afterschool* carnival from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Smithville Elementary School. The event included Halloween safety tips from a Smithville police officer, storytime with Smithville Public Librarian Judy Bergeron, arts and crafts, and food.

Valera, Texas: Suzanne Ryan, Panther Creek CISD ACE, suzanne.ryan@pcreek.net

On October 30, Panther Creek CISD ACE will host a *Lights On Afterschool* festival from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Activities include games, information booths and a Hot Seat escape room with brain challenges. Participants will receive ACE afterschool program goodie bags that include program information as well as flashlights.

Weslaco, Texas: Michelle Garza, Out of School Time Afterschool Program, 956-351-4850, michelle.garza2@ideapublicschools.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Weslaco Independent School District and Out of School Time Afterschool Program will host a Halloween spooktacular event on October 28 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, showcasing students' afterschool activities. Students will staff information booths and pass out candy. The event will take place at IDEA Weslaco Pike Pavilion.

Winter, Texas: Macy Lowman, Winters ISD ACE, macy.lowman@colemanisd.net

Winters ISD ACE program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fall festival on October 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Activities include games, information booths and face-painting. Participants will receive ACE afterschool program goodie bags that include program information as well as flashlights.

Utah

Green River, Utah : Frances Erlandson, Green River PACT, 435-564-8221, frances@greenriverpact.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Green River PACT is hosting a Halloween carnival on October 30 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Families

will participate in games as well as a Trunk ‘n’ Treat. Food will be provided and as many as 100 children will attend the festivities before heading out to trick or treat through the neighborhoods.

Kearns, Utah: Kami Romrell, South Kearns Elementary, KRomrell@slco.org

On October 29, South Kearns Elementary will host a Trunk-or-Treat *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Students will receive Halloween candy as well as information on available community resources. As many as 100 children may participate.

Orem, Utah: Catherin Paulsen, Boys & Girls Clubs of Utah County, 801-441-9654, catherine.paulsen@bgcutah.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Utah County will host a *Lights On Afterschool* appreciation event on October 28 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. The students will decorate light bulbs and include messages about why they enjoy coming to the Boys & Girls Club. The light bulbs will be displayed throughout the year at the program and on its website.

Salt Lake City, Utah: Amy Torres, Kearns Jr. High After School Program, 385-646-3525, antorres@slco.org

Kearns Jr. High After School Program, Granger Football and Polynesians in Utah hosted a “Tent or Treat” *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Granger High School on October 23 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The event was open to all children in the Kearns and adjacent areas. Hundreds of people attended the event.

South Salt Lake City, Utah: Patrick Holman, Central Park Community Center, 801-386-4949, pholman@sslc.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Central Park Community Center will hold a community Trunk-or-Treat on October 28th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. There will be a Jack-o-Lantern bean bag toss, bake-it-yourself cake kits, and lightbulb shaped cookies. Attendees are encouraged to come in costumes and visit different trunks filled with various treats. Kids of all ages, their families, and community members are all invited.

Vermont

Burlington, Vermont: Jerrell Watts, Sara Holbrook Community Center, 385-216-0675, jarrell.watts11@gmail.com

On October 27, Sara Holbrook Community Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration for its students from 2:00 to 5:30 PM. Students will participate in three STEM activities including a chemical reaction experiment to create secret messages with invisible ink, a lesson about capillaries with a walking water experiment and a chemistry lesson to create a milk rainbow. The event will conclude with a dance party.

Montpelier, Vermont: Holly Morehouse, Vermont Afterschool, 802-448-3464, hollymorehouse@vermontafterschool.org

On October 29, Vermont Afterschool, the state afterschool network, will host a major announcement about progress toward universal afterschool in Vermont. Participants will include Governor Phil Scott (R-VT) and Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT). The event will also celebrate the COVID relief funding for afterschool programs provided by the American Rescue Plan, with leadership from Senator Sanders. The event will feature the unveiling of a makers' piece titled "Lighting Up Vermont," created by the Mint Makerspace in Rutland. In addition to the Governor and the Senator, a number of afterschool students and program providers will participate in the event, as will Vermont State Sen. Andrew Perchlik (D/P-Washington), State Rep. Kelly Pajala (I-Windham-Bennington-Windsor), Deputy Secretary Heather Bouchey, Vermont Agency of Education, and Holly Morehouse, Executive Director, Vermont Afterschool. The event will be at the Vermont History Museum, Snelling Room, 109 State Street, Montpelier, at noon.

Virginia

Newport News, Virginia: LaTosha Thompson, The C. Waldo Scott Center for H.O.P.E., 757-660-1715, l.m.thompson100879@spartans.nsu.edu

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the C. Waldo Scott Center for H.O.P.E. will hold an open house and celebration on October 28, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The event, titled "Serving Up A Plate of Character Traits," will focus on social-emotional learning. Students will have interactive speaking parts in a presentation discussing five positive traits related to character development. Forty people are expected to attend.

Richmond, Virginia: Vera Parkinson, Leaf Springs Schools, 804-935-6939, vparkinson@leafspringtc.com

On October 28, Leaf Spring Schools will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on their main campus. Students will decorate paper lightbulbs and include messages about their afterschool program. Due to COVID restrictions, guests are not allowed in the building but can tour a virtual art gallery.

Roanoke, Virginia: Antonio Holland, Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Virginia, 540-238-6320, aholland@bgcswva.org

The Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Virginia will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 28 from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The celebration will include a talent show, a lightbulb-themed project, refreshments and a trick-or-treat activity.

Washington

Edmonds, Washington: Lori Nelson, Dale Turner Family YMCA - Woodway Center, 206-816-0532, lorinelson@seattleyymca.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Woodway Center YMCA will host its afterschool program on October 28th from 1:30 to 5:30 PM. Photos will be taken of the students engaging in games and activities, and the photos displayed around the building.

Seattle, Washington: Sierra Kelley, Rainier View YMCA, 206-825-1778,
skelley@seattleyymca.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Rainier View YMCA will host an art walk/exhibit on October 28 from 2:00 to 6:00 PM. Students have created unique pieces of art from recycled materials to be displayed during the art walk. Visitors will tour the outdoor exhibit while students enjoy a movie night celebration indoors.

West Virginia

Charleston, West Virginia: Cassidy Bailey, Step by Step, Inc., 304-414-4429,
cbailey@stepbystepwv.org

Step by Step, Inc. Afterschool Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a “Chefs in the City” event on October 28th. Throughout the day, different community members will host their own cooking segment, which participants will be able to join via Facebook Live. There are five time slots featuring five guest chefs including a local restaurant owner, a member of the West Virginia House of Delegates, and the mayor of Charleston. The day will wrap up with a cook-off between students at 6:00 PM.

Harts, West Virginia: Tami Boling, Step by Step, 304-855-5402, tboling@stepbystepwv.org
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Step by Step will host an open house and Halloween party at the Big Ugly Community Center on October 28th. Youth members will showcase their artwork and provide treats and prizes for attendees. The event will be from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and a meal will be served. Up to 50 people are expected to attend.

Wisconsin

Little Chute, Wisconsin: Joshua J. McQuillan, Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley, 920-788-7610, jmcquillan@bgclubfoxvalley.org

On October 28, the Boys & Girls Club of the Fox Valley will host a *Lights On Afterschool* art party from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Students from the afterschool programs at Little Chute elementary and middle schools will create small works of art as thank-you gifts for supporters who help keep the lights on at their program. Recipients include the Little Chute School District School Board and administrators and the principals and teachers at Little Chute Intermediate/Middle School and Little Chute Elementary School.

Madison, Wisconsin: Maureen Alley, Wisconsin Youth Company, 608-513-3962,
malley@wisconsinyouthcompany.org

On October 28, the Wisconsin Youth Company will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a video featuring footage from their 24 programs. The video will include a personal message from Madison Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway, data on the need for afterschool programs in Wisconsin and testimonies from youth, staff, and parents. The video will premiere on October 28 on the

[Wisconsin Youth Company's website](#) and social platforms. Mayor Rhodes-Conway will also issue a proclamation in support of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Neenah, Wisconsin: John Benberg, The Brigade, 920-725-8992 x23, jbenberg@bgbrigade.com
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Brigade is hosting a music program with seven-time World DJ Champion, “scratchologist” DJ Vekked, on October 28 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. DJ Vekked will perform live, remix some songs in real time and invite students to take a turn with his equipment. DJ Vekked will lead a discussion on entrepreneurial arts skill development, branding, marketing, and career pathways. Several student musicians will also perform. The free event is open to the public.

Reedsburg, Wisconsin: Allyson Cummings, Reedsburg CLC Afterschool Program, 608-768-8932 x2353, acummings@rsd.k12.wi.us

For the *Lights On Afterschool*, the Reedsburg CLC Afterschool Program will host its annual Halloween party on October 27 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at Pineview Elementary School. Guests will participate in a variety of events including bingo, sports activities and a STEM Apple Bobbing where they will create a gadget to lift and carry the apples. Students will decorate trick-or-treat buckets, make picture frames, and create pictures and cards. Food will be served. More than 150 people are expecting to attend.

Solon Springs, Wisconsin: Julie Fromm, Solon Springs School District, 218-343-9206
jfromm@solonk12.net

The Solon Springs School District and Parent Teacher Organization co-hosted a pumpkin painting night on October 21 in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Each family was provided pumpkins and painting supplies and spent the evening with program staff, celebrating their accomplishments.

Waukesha, Wisconsin: Gala Evers, City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department, 262-524-3715, gevers@waukesha-wi.gov

On October 27, the City of Waukesha Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department will host *Lights On Afterschool* festivals at each of its ten elementary afterschool sites from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The festivals will include carnival games, crafts and fall themed snacks. The mayor has issued a proclamation in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* and may attend the festivities.

Wyoming

Powell and Cody, Wyoming: Tiffany Wutzke, Youth Clubs of Park County, 307-754-0202, youthclubs.tiffanywutzke@gmail.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Youth Clubs of Park County will hold a tailgate party at its centers in Powell and Cody on October 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. There will be tailgate-themed activities and student-led tours of the clubs. Afterward, students, parents and community members are invited to a chili dinner. As many as 100 people will attend.

Rawlins, Wyoming: Theresa Pacheco, Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County, 307-324-8905, bgccarboncounty@gmail.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Carbon County will host an event on October 27th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Members will showcase their program and lead a reading session with their parents. Snacks will be provided, and up to 30 people are expected to attend.

International

Kadena Air Base, Japan: Rudy McGriff, Shima No Ko School Age Program (SAC), 011-81-98-961-1314, rudy.mcgriff.2@us.af.mil

On October 28 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM, the Shima No Ko School Age Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house. Parents will participate in a wide variety of activities with their children, including gardening, STEM projects, art, and games. Dinner will be served, and as many as 50 people will attend.

For more information on Lights On Afterschool, please visit the Afterschool Alliance website, www.AfterschoolAlliance.org.

Media should contact Magen Eissenstat (magen@prsolutionsdc.com) or Matt Freeman (matt@prsolutionsdc.com) at 202/371-1999 for additional events, contacts and other information.