



National DoD STARBASE Program Vision: To be the premier Department of Defense youth outreach program for raising the interest in learning and improving the knowledge and skills of our nation’s at-risk youth so that we may develop a highly educated and skilled American workforce who can meet the advance technological requirements of the Department of Defense.

DoD STARBASE Idaho Vision: In line with the national program, the vision of DoD STARBASE Idaho is to serve as a catalyst for the at-risk youth in the State of Idaho by increasing knowledge of, and interest and confidence in, STEM, enhancing their preparedness for the high-skilled, technology-driven jobs of the 21st century workplace.

The original DoD STARBASE vision was developed in 1994 and is based on the beliefs that (1) all students can learn (2) students learn best when interested and motivated (3) motivation can be generated through learning experiences that are interactive, hands-on, thought-provoking, and result in personal success.

It is from this original vision that the DoD STARBASE Idaho program is now operating and desires to build momentum for the future.

National DoD STARBASE Program Mission: To expose our nation’s youth to the technological environments and positive civilian and military role models found on Active, Guard, and Reserve military bases and installations, nurture a winning network of collaborators, and build mutual loyalty within our communities, by providing 25 hours of exemplary hands-on instruction and activities that meet or exceed the National Standards.

DoD STARBASE Idaho Mission: The mission of DoD STARBASE Idaho is to provide innovative learning experiences not typically found in a 5th grade school setting that foster academic success in STEM, encourage growth mindset, increase awareness of STEM career fields, and create opportunities to enhance student capacity in goal setting, teamwork, and perseverance.





About DoD STARBASE Idaho: DoD STARBASE Idaho is a program of innovative science activities and a rigorous STEM curriculum that provides hands-on, interactive lessons and activities utilizing real-world missions that require problem solving and teamwork skills. Lessons are aligned to Idaho State Standards and encourage critical thinking, creative innovation, and reflection. DoD STARBASE Idaho is a unique and innovative Department of Defense STEM awareness and outreach program. It is designed to create a bridge between DoD and civilian communities.

The program provides local students access to DoD's wealth of expertise in STEM education and career fields. With 3 classrooms running simultaneously, DoD STARBASE Idaho positively impacts over 2,800 5th grade students with 25 hours of STEM instruction and activities each year. To date, the program has helped inspire over 10,000 Idaho students.

Community Outreach and Continuing Education: In addition to its 25-hour class programs, DoD STARBASE Idaho also serves the larger community by providing 1-credit STEM teacher workshops in the summer, after-school STEM education programs (DOD STARBASE Advanced 2.0) for area middle schoolers, and outreach events for local schools and organizations.

STARBASE Idaho also provides summer camps to Nampa and Caldwell Migrant Summer Programs and provides summer and Spring Break programming for children of Idaho National Guardsmen and Soldiers and are available upon request by schools or districts.

