

Introducing a new SMILE team member

Hello! My name is Rebecca (Becca) Harver, the new Program Assistant for the SMILE Program. I am thrilled to be part of the SMILE team and to work with all of the teachers, students, and families involved in this wonderful program. Here is a bit of my background. I grew up in Oregon and have always adored the outdoors, prompting me to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries and Wildlife Biology, through Oregon State University (OSU), followed by a Master's Degree in Science Education - Free Choice Learning. During college, I discovered an affection for science education. This led to job experiences throughout the Pacific Northwest, including being a YMCA camp counselor in Puget Sound, WA. And an AmeriCorps member for the US Fish and Wildlife Service, teaching elementary students about shorebird ecology in Newport, OR. A Beaver through and through, I spent several years working as Volunteer Coordinator at the OSU Hatfield Marine Science Center in Newport. This position allowed me to share my love of marine science with visitors of all ages. I also enjoyed spending time with my unique, cold-blooded coworkers, such as rockfish and giant Pacific octopuses. In recent years, I've worked as a preschool teacher and as a paraeducator. In my spare time, I love being with my family and exploring our beautiful state. I also enjoy reading, painting, hiking, and singing.



One component of this position I'm looking forward to most, is getting to know each of you and how best to support you in your journey with the SMILE Program. I greatly esteem STEM education and admire all of the hardworking teachers out there, who are inspiring the next generation of learners. Thank you for everything you do. I look forward to working with you!

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Updates to our [VFMSN website](#)

Virtual Family Math and Science Night

For Students, Teachers, & Communities
Now until January 7, 2022

Connect with Padlet

Show everyone what you have done by posting to the community padlet.

[Padlet Page Link](#)

PASSPORT and Prizes

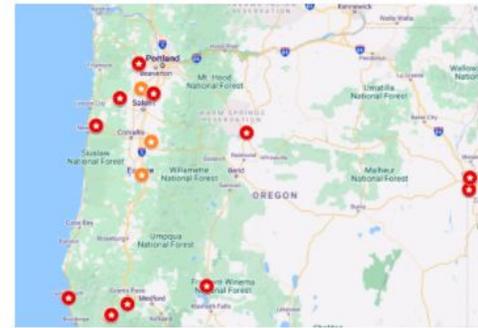
Complete any 4 activities or challenges by January 7, 2022 and submit the PASSPORT form to win a prize.

[Passport Web Form](#)

Online Challenges

1. [Art Challenge](#)
2. [Make A Video Challenge](#)
3. [STEM Scavenger Hunt](#)
4. [Benny the Scientist](#)
5. [Family Award Nomination](#)
6. [Scratch Animation Challenge](#)
- [TinkerCad Video and Site](#)

Club Locations



[SMILE Club Map](#)

VFMSN Activity Instructions and Material Lists

1. **Camouflage Frogs (elementary)**
[Video](#) (YouTube)
[Frog Outline](#) (JPG)
[Fabric with Outline](#) (JPG)
2. **Gummy Bear Osmosis (elementary)**
[Gummy Bear Osmosis Video](#) (YouTube)
[Osmosis con Osos de Gomita](#) (YouTube)
[Gummy Bear Data Tables](#) (PDF)
[Materials](#) (JPG)
3. **Cartesian Diver (elementary)**
[Video](#) (YouTube)
[Materials](#) (JPG)
4. **Expanding Universe (elementary)**
[Video](#) (YouTube)
[Expanding Universe Data Table](#) (PDF)
[Materials](#) (JPG)

Will your students be home for the holidays, and looking for some STEM activities? Remind families about the online challenges!