Beyond the Walls: Building Community with Offsite Camps
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By Your River, Gently Flowing, Illinois
Look, Listen and Smell

What can you see?
Look for the boats floating down the river.
What can you hear?
Listen for sounds of the owl hooting in the trees.
What can you smell?
Smell the different scents of the Illinois River Valley.

What Kind of Plant Will Grow?

Can you guess? LIFT HERE
Can you guess? LIFT HERE
Can you guess? LIFT HERE
Can you guess? LIFT HERE

Who Pooped?

Can you guess? LIFT HERE
Can you guess? LIFT HERE
Can you guess? LIFT HERE
Can you guess? LIFT HERE

Water Works

Water is VERY Important.

We all need water to live. But there is only so much fresh water that we can use. This is why it is important for us to protect our water. What can we do to help protect our water? Visit www.fishhatchery.com for more information.
Wonders of Water
Summer Camp
Goals

• Build relationships with community partners
• Have amazing, related, off-site experiences
• Make correlations with our existing museum exhibit
• Utilize museum classrooms for awesome hands-on activities to extend what we learned off-site, or to expand upon our exhibit
• Invite other community educators to come to our facility and talk to our camp/lead activities
• Admit that we are not always the experts
Community Partners
Peoria Riverfront Museum River River Encounter
Peoria Riverfront Museum Stream Lab
Peoria Riverfront Museum Stream Lab
Forest Park Nature Center
Peoria Zoo
Luthy Botanical Garden
Camp Wakonda
Dickson Mounds
Illinois American Water Mobile Lab
Why This Model Works for Us
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How can we grow our camp program?
Camps on a corporate campus
How do you take this on the road?
Technology and Creative Constraint
on start
  show string "Hello!"
  show number 0

on shake
  clear screen
  if Random < 2 then
    show string "YES"
  elseif Random < 1 then
    show string "NO"
  else
    show string "I DON'T KNOW"
Making the case
Lunch and Learns
5 years later...
Tips for getting started

1) Find a champion
2) Reserve a space
3) Communication Plan
4) Sponsorship - ask for support
5) Engage Parents
Sean Murray - Staff Scientist, Informal Programs
SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPS
How Does This Work?

1) Business/Financial Plan

1) Staffing

1) Logistics
Business/Financial Plan
Staffing
THANKS!
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