

# CIF FEATURE STORY:

## Lab Rats Science Club



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The Lab Rats Science Club is focused on the healthy growth and development of children and youth between the ages of 6 and 12, from varying socioeconomic backgrounds. This after-school program allows participants to partake in fun, instructive experiments in a safe environment and focuses on STEAM concepts: Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics. Young people are given the opportunity to predict, experiment and reflect on the results. Relevant books about science and other library resources are also available to help enhance literacy skills and self-directed learning.

**“While educational, the program is fun and is in high demand. Twenty seven children are currently registered. Lab Rats Science Club is important because it teaches scientific principles in a fun way and there are no similar programs available in La Ronge,”** shared Sean Stares, Library Administrator.

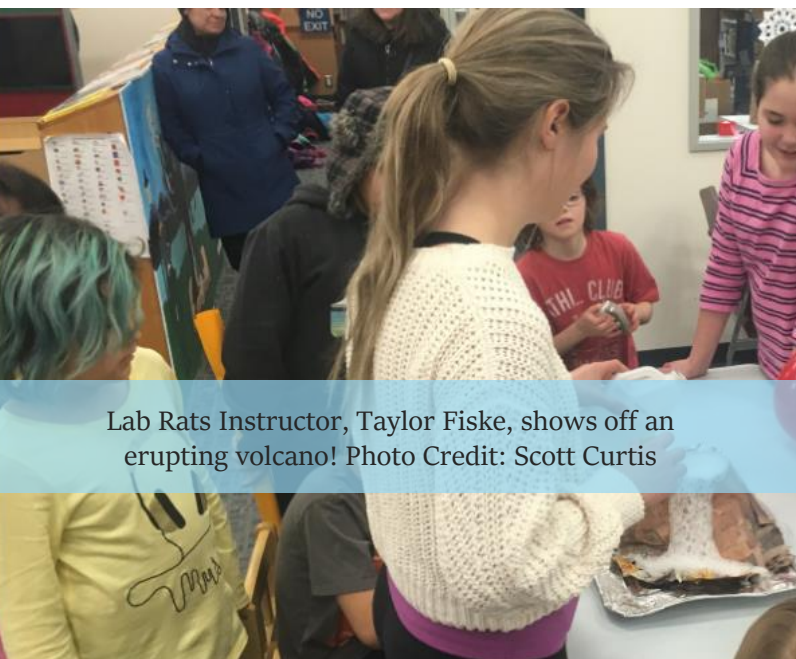
**“The Lac La Ronge area is a diverse community, with different levels of socio-economic status. This program is accessible to all families, as there is no charge for the program. We hope this program will help these children develop a love of science. They will gain the knowledge that science is fun, interesting and can be learned at anytime,”** exclaimed Sean.

“I like lab rats. It’s really fun. I like doing experiments like when we did the egg drop.”

“I loved it because it was fun!”

“I love that we got to do experiments and do challenges.

– Program participants



Lab Rats Instructor, Taylor Fiske, shows off an erupting volcano! Photo Credit: Scott Curtis



Scott Curtis demonstrating BrackitzInventor! Photo Credit: Sean Stares