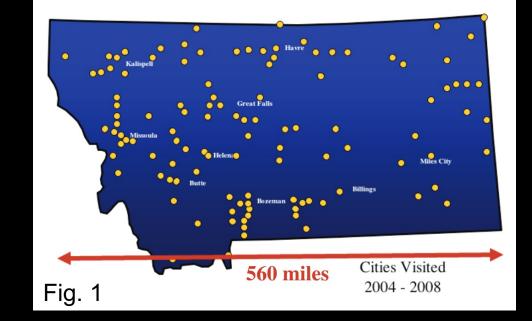
Space Public Outreach Team:

Engaging Families in STEM Learning

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What is SPOT?





the Sun-Earth Connection

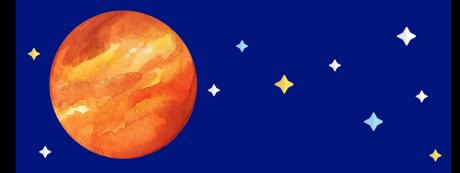
Why is Family Engagement Important?











MONTANA SPACE GRANT CONSORTIUM PRESENTS

THE SUN-EARTH CONNECTION

Get ready for liftoff!

WEDNESDAY JULY 21, 5:30 - 7 PM

Come explore our extraordinary sun while enjoying pizza and cupcakes!

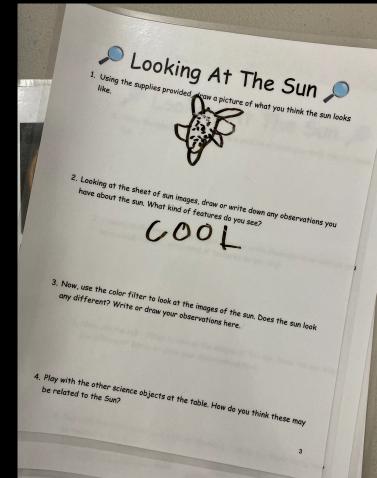
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Activities







SPOT, FLARE, EJECTI

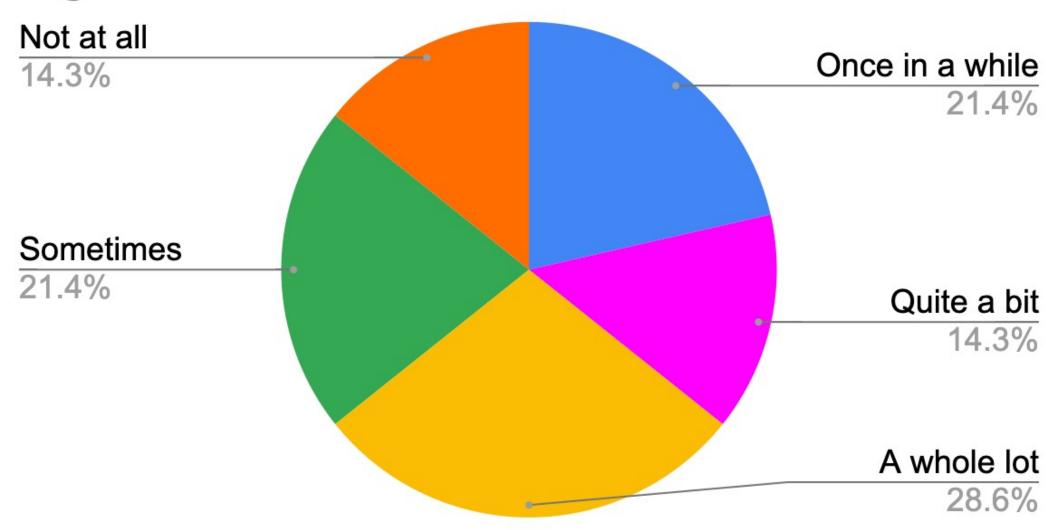






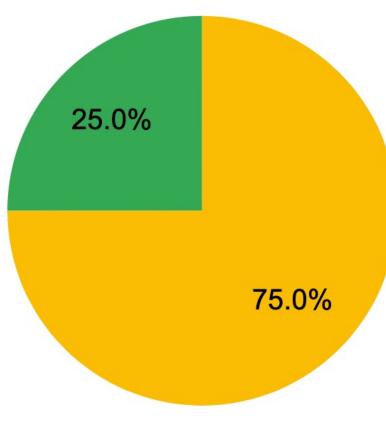


How often does your family do science stuff together?



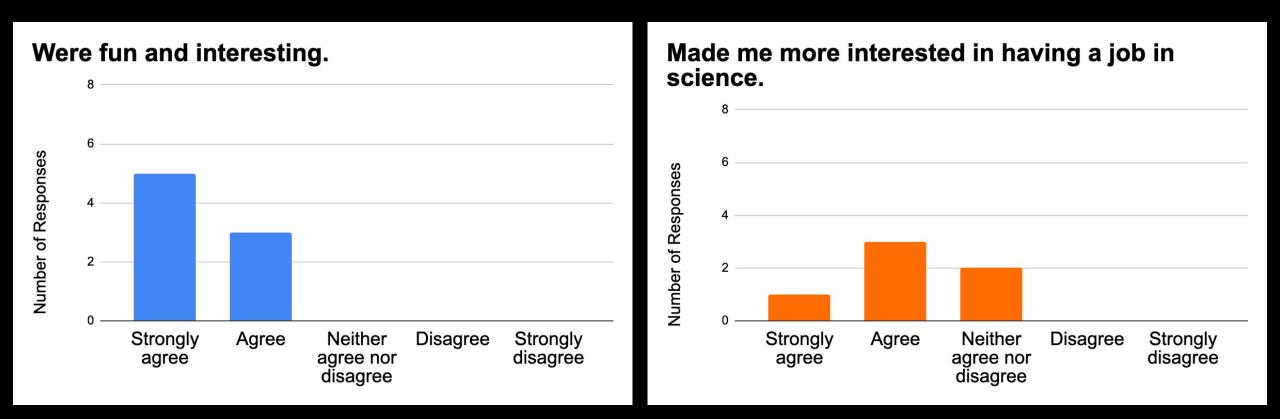
Learning Evaluation

Which of the following is an example of how the Sun affects the Earth?



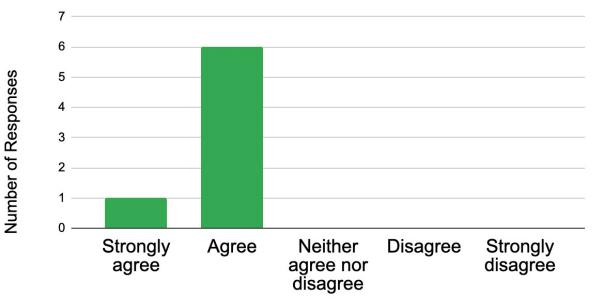
- It causes auroras and geomagnetic storms
- It causes the Earth to rotate on its own axis
- It causes volcanic eruptions
- The Sun does not affect the Earth

The presentation and activities...

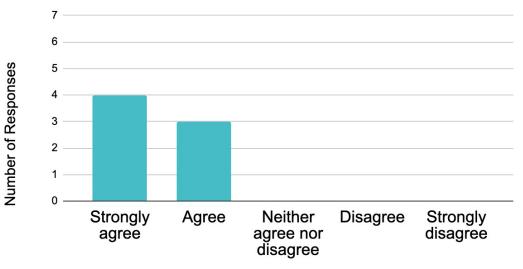


Parent Feedback

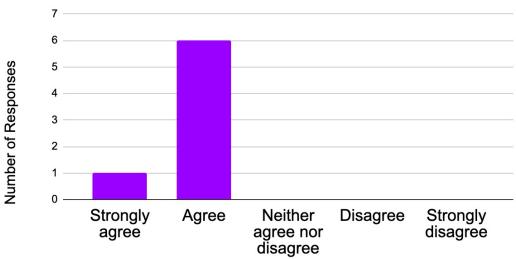
Made me think about how I could get my child more involved with science.



I would recommend attending this presentation to my friends who have kids.



I plan to talk with my child about this presentation and activities in the future.



What stood out to you as the best part of this presentation?

- Parents/Guardians
 - "The game they played about spots, flares, and ejections."
 - "Showing the local people involved in the research."
 - "Interactive nature of the presentation."
- Students
 - "To buw [play] rock, paper, sisers [scissors]."
 - "The best part was making the cupcakes!"

Conclusions & Future Steps

Thank you!

Questions? Email fanjieh@g.ucla.edu

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