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NASA's Next Advocates: Connecting Youth to NASA Through a Co-Created Near-Peer Mentorship Program

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Teens participate in the Franklin Star Party.
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NASA's Next Advocates" is a new, nationally-replicable program that supports STEM near-peer mentorships between middle and high school mentors and elementary-aged mentees centered on NASA's heliophysics resources. The primary deliverable is a toolkit enabling nationwide implementation of the program to Boys & Girls Clubs. The central objectives are to increase teens' confidence in providing STEM mentorship to youth through heliophysics activities, build capacity of Boys & Girls Clubs to support youth access to NASA experiences

content, missions, and staff, and engage youth in authentic STEM experiences. Purpose-built with and for Boys & Girls Clubs ecosystems with a focus on flexibility and ease of deployment, NNA will result in national implementation in 40 Clubs with wider adoption expected beyond the life of the grant.

List of Partners:

- Boys & Girls Clubs Philadelphia
- Astronomical Society of the Pacific
- Association of Science and Technology
- Centers National Girls Collaborative Project

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