

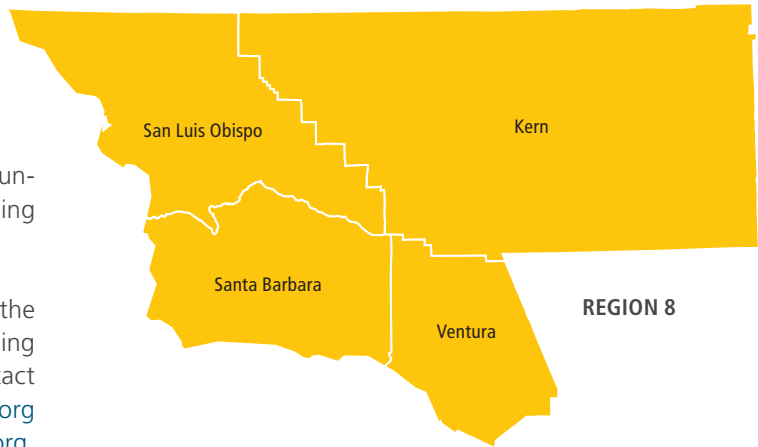
# Putting STEAM into Summer

A Guide to Regional Partners and Resources:  
**Ventura and Nearby Counties**

## Where to Start in Ventura and Nearby Counties

Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Kern counties are part of Region 8 of the state's Expanded Learning Technical Assistance System.

The Ventura County Office of Education acts as the regional lead for expanded learning programs, including after-school and summer learning programming. Contact Amy Cranston, 805-437-1376, Email: [acranston@vcoe.org](mailto:acranston@vcoe.org) or Ernesto Duran, 805-437-1390, Email: [eduran@vcoe.org](mailto:eduran@vcoe.org).



### *Local Support Organization Examples*

**Fun in the Sun** is a six-week summer learning program provided by United Way of Santa Barbara County. The program is targeted to academically and financially at-risk children, and provides them with hands-on, project-based lessons. It also partners with over 70 local public and private organizations. More information is available at <http://www.unitedwaysb.org/fun-sun-0>.

**VC STEM** is a STEM EcoSystem Initiative coordinated by the Ventura County P-20 Council and led by CSU Channel Islands. It has created an action group that is looking into how, where, and when students can be provided with more high-quality STEM opportunities during “out of school” time, including summer. Contact information and more about VC STEM is available at [www.vcstem.org](http://www.vcstem.org).

School districts in the region that are partners in VC STEM include:

- » Oxnard Elementary School District
- » Oxnard Union High School District
- » Santa Paula Unified School District

A full list of partners in the initiative is available at [www.vcstem.org/partners](http://www.vcstem.org/partners).

