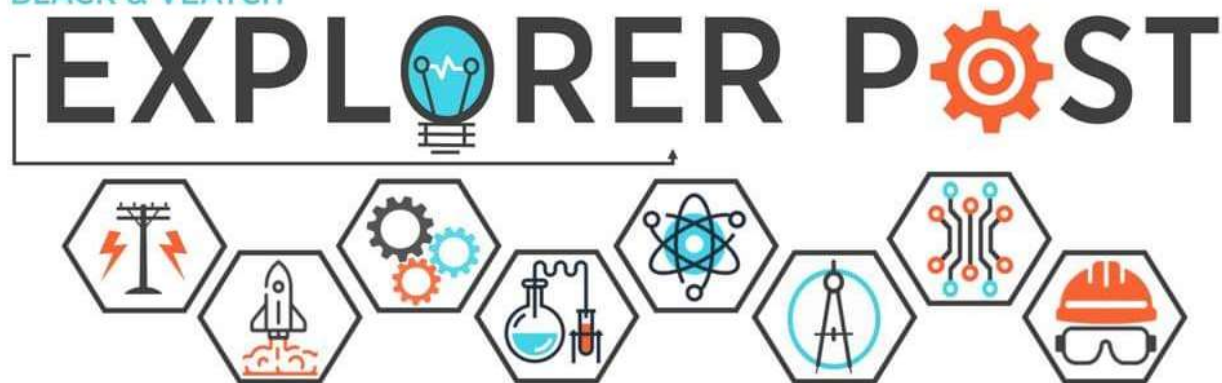




2026-2027 GENERAL INFORMATION

WHAT IS THE EXPLORER POST?

The Explorer Post is a program sponsored by Black & Veatch as part of Learning for Life of Kansas City. The program exposes high school students (ages 14-19) who are interested in STEM fields to the various disciplines of engineering through presentations, hands-on activities, engineering tours, and community service events supported by Black & Veatch.

KICKOFF MEETING

You are invited to attend the first meeting of the Black & Veatch Explorer Post on Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 PM. Please join us at the Kickoff Meeting to learn more about our program.

COLLEGE NIGHT

Please join us Tuesday, September 15 at 7:00 PM to meet with college recruiters from different universities and learn about their engineering programs, scholarships, and more!

SUPERACTIVITY TRIP (JUNE 2027)

The Superactivity trip will be held in early June to celebrate the end of the Explorer Post season. The Superactivity is a chance for students to visit a new city, and more importantly, see engineering in action outside of Kansas City. We have visited cities like New York City, Chicago, Denver, and Washington D.C. in the past. More information will be distributed as it becomes available.

BLACK & VEATCH CAMPUS

Black & Veatch Headquarters Campus
11401 Lamar Ave Overland Park, KS 66211

MONTHLY MEETINGS

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00-8:30 p.m. Each meeting consists of an informational presentation by an industry guest speaker and a hands-on activity related to the engineering discipline for the monthly theme. Meetings are located at the Black & Veatch campus.

ENGINEERING TOURS

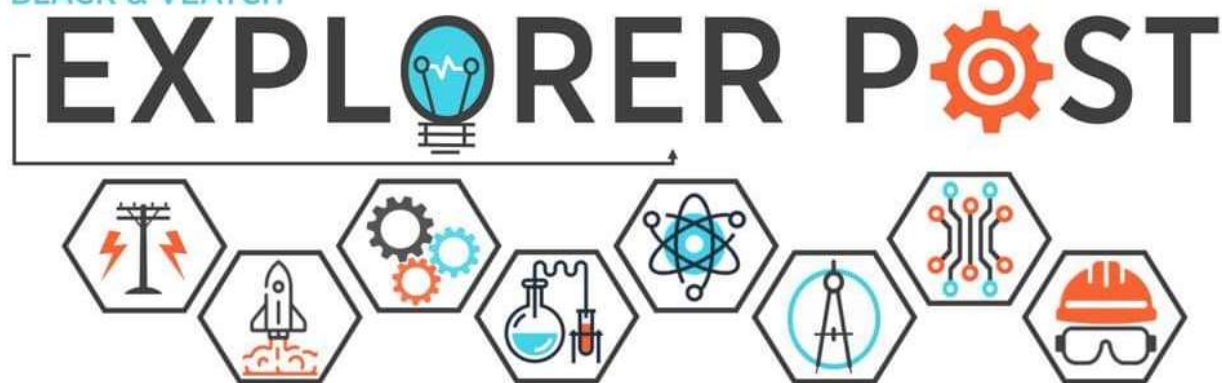
Each month, a tour of an engineering-related facility will be offered. Tours are normally scheduled on the Saturday following the monthly meeting. Many of the tours will have a limit on the number of students who can participate. Spots will be filled as students sign up in-person at the monthly meetings. All students will be notified by email if there are remaining spots for a tour, which will be filled on a "first notified" basis.

2026-2027 CALENDAR

Aug. 18 – Kickoff Meeting
Sep. 15 – College Night
Oct. 13 – Mechanical Engineering
Nov. 10 – Electrical Engineering
Dec. 8 – Computer Engineering
Jan. 12 – Chemical/Biomedical Engineering
Feb. 9 – Aerospace Engineering
March 9 – Civil/Structural Engineering
April 13 – Construction Engineering
May 4 – Environmental Engineering
**Dates and topics are subject to change.*

QUESTIONS?

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Webpage: <https://www.bv.com/growstem>
Facebook: [Black & Veatch Explorer Post](#)



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MEMBERSHIP & APPLICATION FEE

Explorer Post membership is a 10-month program that starts in August and goes to the middle of May.

Students will need to complete an application, which requires both the student AND parent signatures, along with an application fee. The fee to participate in the program activities for the entire year is \$70 and covers transportation, insurance, snacks at meetings, materials for hands-on activities, etc. Fees will be collected at the August Kickoff Meeting via cash, check or electronic payment. Applications will be available for students and parents to fill out at the August Kickoff Meeting. If you would like to bring an already completed application to the Kickoff Meeting or email a completed application prior to the meeting, a pdf of the application is also available at the link below.

http://www.exploring.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/524-00919-Exploring-Youth-App_Oct-2019-Printing.pdf

*Please make checks payable to B&V Explorer Post.

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year will close on Wednesday, October 14th. Please contact Olivia Aston or Emily Ewigman (explorers@bv.com) with any questions about the application and application fee to join the Explorer Post Program!

CODE OF CONDUCT

The Explorer Post code of conduct outlines the behavioral and academic expectations necessary to maintain a safe, respectful and productive learning environment.

Be Kind – use respectful words and treat everyone with courtesy

Be Safe – Follow rules and make choices that keep yourself and others safe,

Be Respectful – Collaborate with others in a friendly manner, always keep hands to yourself

Be Responsible – Take care of your actions, belongings and shared spaces

Listen – Follow directions at meetings and all other activities

Participate – Come prepared to learn, engage and ask questions.

If a student fails to abide by the code of conduct, they will be given verbal warnings, written warnings communicated with the parents and ultimately loss of access to program activities. Any threats, disruptions or concerning behaviors should be reported immediately to the BV program advisors. BV advisors are responsible for addressing concerns promptly, ensuring the safety and well-being of all participants, and determining the appropriate next steps in alignment with program expectations.

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