21 Ideas for Recruiting Diverse Students into STEM Clubs

1. Offer extra credit for students who attend a TAME Club.
2. Encourage older students to mentor younger students in TAME, then count those as service hours.
3. Have students turn in registration forms during the first week of school.
4. Offer a club activity during class or at lunch to give students a preview.
5. Create a Facebook group that showcases each meeting to appeal to parents, not just students.
6. Showcase Engineering Design Challenges from previous STEM Competitions.
7. For students who ride buses, meet during lunch and homeroom.
8. Work with other STEM-related clubs to recruit from all grade levels.
9. Serving snacks is a great motivator; partner with a local food bank or business to donate snacks.
10. Encourage students to recruit, teach, and mentor younger grades to build leadership skills.
11. Have a special tutorial class for TAME Club members.
12. Be flexible when scheduling club meetings.
13. Make TAME extracurricular with a grade attached.
14. Try keeping meetings short, and offer them frequently.
15. Try hosting longer meetings once a month or several times a year.
16. Schedule a visit with TAME's mobile STEM museum, the Trailblazer.

17. Work with other STEM-focused teachers to find students who need a club like this to open doors.
18. Make signing up for TAME part of the beginning of the school year protocol.
19. Schedule a period of the school day for clubs, and designate one day a TAME day.
20. Make sure everyone’s voice is heard during the meetings.
21. Be persistent!

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