



STEM in a Box: Leader FAQ's

Q: What is STEM in a Box?

A: It is a self contained BSA Nova Award program box, provided by Michigan Crossroads Council. We have assembled all of the program materials and leader's guides, for each of the Cub Scout NOVA Awards: Science Everywhere / Tech Talk / SWING! / 1-2-3 Go! Each module box can be checked out from the field service offices, below, by any registered Unit Leader.

Q: What does it cost?

A: The MCC has funded the first round of Cub Scout NOVA Award program boxes so that units may use them for FREE. There is a \$20.00, fully refundable deposit required at time of checkout. This deposit will only be forfeited if a unit fails to return the box by the appointed return date. The consumable materials (paper, pencils, scissors, etc) will be replenished as needed - to make sure they are available for the next unit's use.

Q: How can my Cub Scout Den or Pack check out a box?

A: Go to the FSC nearest you that has boxes (list below). Tell them you'd like to check out a NOVA STEM in a Box module. You do not have to start with a specific box, or work on them in any particular order. You'll be asked to fill out a check out book, leave the refundable \$20 deposit, and will be given a return date. Please ask any questions while you're checking out the module. If they cannot answer them, they will direct you to someone who can.

Q: Where do I get the NOVA Award patch and pins?

A: All BSA Scout Shops stock these items for you to purchase for your Scouts.

Q: Is there a STEM in a Box program for Boy Scouts and Venturers?

A: No. The award modules for the older Scouts programs are very centered on Merit Badges and independent study work. There would be nothing to 'put in a box' for these awards.

Q: Where can I find more information about the Nova Awards online?

A: www.scouting.org/STEM

Boxes are available for check out at:

Dauch Scout Center
1776 West Warren Avenue
Detroit, MI 48208-2215
Phone: 313-897-1965

DeVos Family Center for Scouting
3213 Walker Avenue NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49544
Phone: 616-785-0835

Flint Service Center
507 W. Atherton Road
Flint, MI 48507
Ph: 810-235-2531

Ann Arbor Service Center
3914 Bestech Dr.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197
Ph. 734-971-7100