Looking for play that teaches a strong foundation in science, technology, engineering and math for young children? Host a BLOCK Fest® and provide a multi-dimensional learning experience for children ages 8 months to 8 years and their caregivers. Families then take what they’ve learned and continue to engage their children in learning beyond the event.

Hosts
- Provide a 40’x 60’ room and a space for orientation
- Publicize the event
- Recruit volunteers
- Recruit participants

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“I did not realize all the learning involved with blocks! It will really help my 2-year-old with counting and colors!”

Research shows that children and families who experience BLOCK Fest®
- Continue learning through block play at home
- Have higher levels of skills that last in
  - Literacy
  - Numeracy
  - Socioemotional interaction

“Very beneficial and a great way to interact with your child and for your child to interact with others.”