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Dear Administrators and Teachers:

The UNI Yager Science Education Resources and Outreach (YSERO) center is now taking science kit reservations for the 2024-2025 school year!

Checkout Dates for 2024-2025 School Year

Non-FOSS and Pre-NGSS (Original) Science Kits

First Semester: August 23rd - January 10th

Second Semester: January 13th - May 26th

NGSS Grades K-2 FOSS Science Kits

First Semester: August 23rd - January 10th

Second Semester: January 13th - May 26th

NGSS Grades 3-8 FOSS Science Kits and OpenSciEd MS & HS Science Kits

First Trimester: August 23rd - November 15th

Second Trimester: November 18th - February 28th

Third Trimester: March 3rd - May 26th

Checkout Costs for 2024-2025 School Year

Non-FOSS (Original) Science Kits - \$10

Pre-NGSS (Original) Science Kits - \$25

2nd Edition and NGSS Grades K-8 FOSS Science Kits - \$75

-Living Organism Cards - \$50 in addition to the kit cost. See note below.

OpenSciEd Middle School Science Kits - \$25

OpenSciEd High School Science Kits - \$50

Notes:

1. The kit costs provided above for the 2nd Edition and NGSS Grades K-8 FOSS Science Kits do not include living organism cards. If you would like a living organism card, **please add \$50** to the *Life Cycle of Butterflies, Plants and Animals, Animals 2x2, Living Systems, and Structures of Life, Insects, Insects and Plants, Environments, Populations and Ecosystems, and Diversity of Life* kits. Please indicate if you need the card ordered when filling out the reservation form. If you do not indicate that you would like the card, it will NOT come with the kit. A live organism card includes a code(s) that enable you to directly order and receive the live organism(s) to carry out the kit investigations. FYI, weather will influence organisms' ship dates.
2. Central Rivers Area Education Agency (AEA) will be charging us a delivery fee for all kits going out and coming to UNI YSERO center. Please note this fee will be added to your checkout costs. We do not know how much this fee will be at this time.
3. For those middle school/junior high and high school science teachers who host UNI secondary science teaching majors enrolled in the Fall 2024 SCIED 4800 Methods for Teaching Secondary Science course and are completing field experiences in their classrooms, there is no charge for checking out science kits. You, however, have to actually be hosting one or more students.

Please provide proof that you are hosting so you are not charged. Please contact Dr. Escalada for more information.

Non-FOSS, Pre-NGSS, and NGSS FOSS Science Kits

The YSERO center has several versions of FOSS kits available for check out including Pre-NGSS and kits aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). We also have other Pre-NGSS non-FOSS kits available. For a list of available kits, please go to the links on our NEW website. [Complete List of Kits Available](#). Please note that the Pre-NGSS Kits will no longer be supported by the FOSS online resource which is now [ThinkLink](#). The ThinkLink online resource is for the NGSS FOSS kits. If you would like access, send an email to Larry Escalada (Lawrence.Escalada@uni.edu) to make the request.

OpenSciEd Science Kits

The YSERO center also has OpenSciEd science kits available which include Middle School Grades 7, 8, and 9 non-consumable kits and High School Biology (B.1), Chemistry (C.1), and Physics (P.1) Classroom or Teacher Kits with Teacher Editions. The OpenSciEd curricula can be downloaded for free from <https://www.openscienced.org/>. See [OpenSciEd Middle School and High School Science Kits Available](#). Both the Middle School and High School OpenSciEd Science Kits are trimester kits.

Reservation Instructions

Please consider all the kits you may need throughout the school year. We are able to make reservations for the entire year which will help you plan out your school year more efficiently. Please fill out a spreadsheet for each individual teacher. Teachers can submit their own form or a single person per building (principal, curriculum director, etc.) can submit all forms for a building. When filling out the form, be sure to fill in all teacher information. Also, indicate a second and third choice in the appropriate areas as some kits are limited due to popular demand. ONE spreadsheet is attached. This is being sent to everyone who checked out one or more science kits in the last couple years plus all administrators. Please share this with other teachers that are interested in using a kit.

Please email the completed spreadsheets to: SERC@uni.edu (Although Dr. Larry Escalada is the Science Education Director and Dr. Alison Beharka is the YSERO supervisor, please do NOT send your reservations to either of them as they then have to forward them to the YSERO.) Also PLEASE DO NOT just reply to the email we have sent, as it is likely to get lost.

The sooner the reservation is submitted the better chance you have of getting your first choice for kits, though we will take reservations throughout the summer and school year. We try to honor all first choice requests, but as noted above, some kits are more popular than others and we have limited duplicates of all kits. Thus, in some cases we must balance out reservations with a second choice. Once we have your reservation, a confirmation email will be sent letting you know what kits you will be receiving for the 2024-2025 school year. If changes are made, you will be notified via email. Please watch for the return email, and if there is no response email from you, we assume you agree to the reservation.

Thank you!

UNI YSERO Students
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