



The Discovery Hosts Scratch Code Challenge 2020

Entries due April 17 for online coding program challenge

RENO, Nev. (March 25, 2020) – The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery) is hosting its annual Scratch Code Challenge where kids can create interactive stories, games and presentations through an online coding program. The deadline for entries has been extended to Friday, April 17.

Scratch is a free and easy-to-use coding program that helps people of all ages and abilities broaden their minds through interactive coding experiences. As users design projects with Scratch, they learn to think creatively, work collaboratively, and reason systematically. The program was developed by the MIT Media Lab and released to the public in 2007.

Since I started coding almost eight years ago, coding has been my passion,” said Caleb Briggs, creator of the The Discovery’s Scratch Code Challenge. “Working with The Discovery to host the Challenge has helped me realize how much I enjoy teaching others. I hope to become a professor when I finish my college education.”

Participants must create and design a game, movie or presentation on the topic of their choice. Entries will be scored on creativity, aesthetics, comprehensibility, complexity and functionality.

Local entrants can compete in one of four age groups: Grades K–3, grades 4–5, grades 6–8 and grades 9–12. Cash prizes will be included with a chance to win up to \$300. Non-local entrants can enter to win one \$200 best of show award in their age group.

An award ceremony will be held to honor the participants and winners of this year’s Scratch Code Challenge on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 p.m.

To learn more about the Scratch Code Challenge, presented by Microsoft and Marketing Evolution, visit nvdm.org.

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About The Discovery

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