



## The Discovery Hosts Scratch Code Challenge 2021

*Entries due May 14 for online coding program challenge*

**RENO, Nev. (April 14, 2021)** – The Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery) is hosting its 8<sup>th</sup> annual Scratch Code Challenge where kids can create interactive stories, games and presentations using an online coding program. The deadline to submit entries is Friday, May 14.

Scratch is a free, user-friendly coding program that encourages people of all ages and abilities to 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.

“Computer literacy and the ability to think creatively, reason systematically, and work collaboratively are important traits for young people to develop. We are thrilled to be able to offer this unique opportunity every year for those who have a special interest in coding,” said Mat Sinclair, President/CEO of The Discovery.

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 Saturday, June 5 at 3 p.m.

To learn more about the Scratch Code Challenge, presented by Microsoft and Marketing Evolution, visit [nvdm.org/scratch](http://nvdm.org/scratch).

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