Structural Engineers Association of New York Young Member Group

SEAoNY Volunteers for Kid's Day at the New York Hall Of Science New York, NY February 19, 2018





On President's Day, members from SEAoNY's YMG, alongside local college students and ACSE members volunteered for the Metropolitan Section's Kid's Day Event, part of National Engineer's Week. Held at the New York Hall of Science in Queens, the museum normally offers interactive exhibits geared at introducing kids to the world around them through a scientific lens. On this day, however, we took over one of the exhibition halls and hosted over 350 kids aged between three and thirteen for a fun day involving some challenging activities including the foil boat, paper bridge, paper tower and gum-drop tower challenges, where kids constructed the designated object from a limited amount of material and then had to test their design with weights and marbles. Along with the last activity, Jenga, the attendees were forced to think analytically and were able to improve their designs with each successive attempt!

We had a great time volunteering at this event introducing the future engineers of this world to some of the fundamental concepts of our profession and we look forward to coming back next year. This was one of SEAoNY's first community outreach events, and we hope to offer more opportunities for YMs to give back in the coming months.

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