

We Want Our Future!

A grassroots space-based outreach/advocacy initiative run by students, for students.

WWOF Postcard Activity Instructions

Teacher / Instructor / Mentor Instructions:

1. Read short Terms / Agreement: statement (below) from the WeWantOurFuture.org initiative.
2. Print postcard templates, one per student. Have additional materials available:
 - a. Astronaut Letter (to be read aloud)
 - b. Exploration Presentation displayed (printed copy to be held up, or projector / screen available with presentation loaded).
3. Perform activity per the lecture instructions written below.
4. Send the postcards back to WeWantOurFuture. There are two ways to send them to us (you may choose one or perform both)
 - a. Scan in the postcards and e-mail them to us at: info@WeWantOurFuture.org
 - b. Ship postcards to the WeWantOurFuture.org initiative headquarters (address posted below). If requesting assistance with shipping costs, contact us on our website for further instructions.

Shipping Address:
Attn: Brad Cheetham / Bruce Davis
We Want Our Future Initiative
431 UCB, ECNT 323
University of Colorado at Boulder
Boulder, CO 80309

Lecture Instructions:

1. Introduce the activity to your class. Read letter from Astronaut Joe Tanner. *[Introduces topic, defines exploration and asks how it has affected the student's lives. Tells the students that today we are going to ask them to think about what exploration may be like in the future and if they believe it is important.]* Part way through the letter, a PowerPoint presentation is available to give additional insight and examples regarding exploration.
2. (1-5 minutes) Upon completion of the video, engage the students by asking them to volunteer some of their initial thoughts of the future in space. What technologies will they need to draw to support this?
3. (20+ minutes) Handout the blank postcards with the following instructions:
 - a. On the blank side draw/color a picture of your future in space
 - b. In the box on the back side write a letter (few sentences) describing the picture that is drawn.
 - c. Where it says "Send To:" write where you would like to send the postcard. (Examples range from Earth, cities in space, stars or galaxies.)
 - d. (OPTIONAL) Where it asks for additional information, write **ONLY** your first name, local town, state and age.
4. During activity, walk around and engage students to ensure that they are on track and being creative with their ideas. Below are a few examples if students need direction.
 - a. Ask them what they need to live on Earth and how they might create that in space
 - b. Playing kickball on Pluto, might they need a warm jacket, air to breathe?
 - c. Mining an asteroid for gold and crystals, might they need a space excavator?
 - d. Firefighters attending a house fire in a space city, what would the fire trucks look like?
5. Collect the postcards and package them for shipping (see shipping instructions).

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Terms / Agreement:

The WeWantOurFuture.org initiative is a student-run organization with the goal to challenge students to dream about their future in space. Collectively 100,000 postcards will be used as a cohesive voice of student dreams & demands for space exploration. The WeWantOurFuture initiative is a non-profit, 501c3 organization based in Boulder, Colorado.

The teacher / instructor is aware that:

1. WeWantOurFuture reserves the right to use the received content to promote the goals of the initiative. Promotion will be targeted to groups not limited to educators, industry representatives, government employees and elected officials.
2. It is the responsibility of the instructor to ensure that performing this activity falls within the guidelines of their respective administrative policies.
3. All information written on the postcard is at the discretion of the instructor / participant. Personal information is requested by the initiative however on an OPTIONAL basis only and is limited to the participant's first name, home town, home state and age. Any postcards with personal information beyond what is requested will be removed.
4. The materials available for download are property of the WeWantOurFuture initiative and are intended to be used to promote the mission of the organization. Alternative uses may be enabled upon receiving written permission from the initiative.