What: The National Math Festival brings together adults and children of all ages to celebrate the fun, beauty, power, and importance of mathematics through hands-on, interactive programs and talks by some of today’s most fascinating mathematicians. The event includes film, art-making, athletic events, children’s book readings, and more.

Where: The public Festival comes to Washington, DC every other spring, where it draws upwards of 10,000 participants. Satellite events at science museums around the country typically reach another 20,000+ persons.


Why: To inspire a love of mathematics in the world around us. To encourage children and adults of all backgrounds to become curious about the math behind their favorite things. To open a door to additional learning. To provide opportunities to integrate math play as a regular, fun, and accessible part of life.

Who: Children and adults of all ages are drawn to the National Math Festival.

How: The Festival curates “low-threshold, high-ceiling” math activities facilitated by some of today’s leading informal math learning organizations. We invite some of the foremost voices in public mathematics to present creative talks about the playful side of mathematics and the math behind how the world works; their presentations are accessible to high schoolers and up.
You Can Make a Difference:

Sponsors of the National Math Festival support the immediate and long-term future of math education in the United States. Your investment in this flagship event will have ripples felt well beyond the day itself. Your support is critical to ensuring that this high-quality program flourishes and remains free and accessible to all participants.

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2019 NATIONAL MATH FESTIVAL:

Total Two-Day Reach - Estimated 38,850 Children & Adults of All Ages

Public Festival - Roughly 12,000 Participants

Public Festival - Included 600 students in field trips from Title I schools

School Preview Day - 850 students, many from Title I schools

NATIONAL REACH:

• 80+ science centers in 40+ states hosted satellite events
• Estimated reach: more than 26,000 persons
• Public festival drew from 22-34 US states

2019 NMF PROGRAM CURATED BY MSRI:

5 Major Activity Presenters
15 Lectures and Performances
5 Mathical Book Readings by Children’s Authors
6 Interactive Film Events
23 Take-Home Resource Stations for Families & Educators