# After-School All-Stars DC APRIL 2024



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## YOU'RE INVITED!

You're invited to join us for the ultimate day of fun and giving back at <u>ASAS DC's "Play with a Purpose" Field Day Fundraiser</u>! It's all happening on May 15 at 5 p.m. at Kraken Kourts and Skates.

Picture this: a day filled with laughter, games like cornhole, Connect 4, Jenga, and pickleball, live music to keep the vibes high, and mouthwatering food and drinks to keep you fueled up. We've also got some seriously cool raffle prizes up for grabs too!

#### SAVE THE DATE

ASAS DC PRESENTS: "PLAY WITH A PURPOSE" À FIELD DAY FUNDRAISER

MAY 15 | 5PM - 8PM

KRAKEN KOURTS & SKATES 514 RHODE ISLAND AVE NE WASHINGTON, DC 20002

Whether you're a pro at these games or just looking for a good time, there's something for everyone. Oh, and did we mention that your ticket comes with a complimentary drink? **!!** 

But here's the best part: by being a part of this event, you're not just having a blast—you're also making a difference. Your support goes directly towards after-school programs for local youth, helping them thrive and reach their full potential.

Mark your calendars, grab your friends and family, and let's make some memories together while doing some good.

#### REGISTER HERE: https://commi.sh/seasons/8618

## CLIMATE CHANGE MAKERS!

After-School All-Stars Washington DC's recent workshop, Climate Change Makers, was a hit! Johnson Middle School and Leckie Education Campus students delved into water testing and learned about its impact, emphasizing the



crucial role of keeping our communities clean in preserving river water and watersheds.

Thank you to Anacostia Riverkeeper for facilitating the workshop!

# THE MOBILE FLIGHT LAB EXPANSION PROGRAM

The DC Chapter has partnered with ASAS National Office and the Orlando Science Center to introduce our young people to The Mobile Flight Lab Expansion Program, which gives ASAS scholars the opportunity to put on their science lab coats and dive into an immersive virtual reality experience. ASAS scholars will have the opportunity to virtually fly a drone over a volcano to collect data and determine if an eruption will possibly be taking place in the future.

Another fun-filled and thrilling mission scholars will have the opportunity to explore is flying two aircrafts through a hurricane while gathering data. And last, but not least, ASAS scholars will have the opportunity to engage in a simulated autonomous drone flight to assess how this can be used to deliver supplies to emergency services. We're excited about our partnership with ASAS National Office and the **Orlando Science Center because** this gives our ASAS DC Chapter scholars an opportunity to engage with scientific concepts while having fun. STEM is an integral component of the programming we provide at our chapter because it allows our scholars to gain experience and interest that will hopefully convert to a career in the near future. Based on our chapter demographics, the young people we serve and collaborate with are not equitably represented in the STEM field. This opportunity gives us a chance to show scholars that science is indeed fun and you can do it while positively changing the world. We look forward to what's on the horizon for our scholars in terms of STEM and we're confident the Mobile Flight Lab Expansion Program will be instrumental during this process.