**Teachers**

“STARBASE has opened doors for students and teachers to engage kinesthetically in various branches of STEM-based activities. This program provides opportunities for students to experience inquiry, collaboration, trial and error, and exploration of various STEM career fields. This engaging experience is a highlight of the fifth-grade year for both students and teachers. A carefully articulated curriculum created by experts prepares students for state testing while giving them experiences they retain and reflect on throughout the school year,” - SUSAN FINNEY, EDUCATOR AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY, ATTENDING STARBASE IDAHO

“My fifth-grade classroom has had the privilege of STARBASE courses for two years. Our first year was limited because of Covid and was limited in our classroom. Last year, being on base at Gowen field was incredible! Each standards-based lesson was thoughtfully planned and presented with multiple activities that attracted ALL students to engage. Academic vocabulary was clarified, background information provided, and the activity clearly connected STEM to help the student apply their knowledge to daily experiences. Thank-you STARBASE for enriching the lives of our Idaho youth!” – ROSEMARY LOOTENS, EDUCATOR AT WILDER ELEMENTARY, ATTENDING STARBASE IDAHO

"What a privilege it has been over the past five years for my Fifth-Grade students to attend and participate in the STARBASE STEM educational program. The engaging instructors coupled with the hands-on learning experiences at STARBASE have served to inspire my students in STEM learning and STEM related activities. It was a real treat to have the STARBASE team come to my school this year and teach a lesson to my classroom parents and students for our Family Engagement Activity. Thank you STARBASE! Press on in your important work." - Ryan M. Roberts, Fifth Grade Teacher, Hawthorne Elementary School, Boise School District

**STEM Partners**

“HUGE THANK YOU for the incredible program that the STARBASE team put together for our migrant summer school.  I've never seen our kids so interested and engaged in programming like they were with you. It was very evident that your team put their heart into teaching our kids. The teachers loved it as well! I really hope we can partner for next year!” -GISEL HOLDCROFT, FEDERAL PROGRAMS, COMMUNITY OUTREACH ENGAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR NAMPA SCHOOL DISTRICT, PARTNER WITH STARBASE IDAHO

“The level of student engagement with STARBASE is fantastic. One can actually see and hear and feel the excitement in the eyes, voices, and smiles of the students as they proudly tell you about what they have been doing and showing you their projects. When asked about the most important aspect of group projects, students relayed that it was difficult to choose the top–between planning, communication, and teamwork. All these skills were evident over the course of the camp. Plus, this high level of engagement for the variety of hands-on activities makes all the STEM content-packed days run smoothly–yippee!” – SHANI CUMMINS, CALDWELL SCHOOL DISTRICT MIGRANT EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM COORDINATOR, PARTNER WITH STARBASE IDAHO

**Students**

“Thank you for giving me the time of my life! My favorite thing about all of our trips is that there is science in all of the activities. I really enjoyed the time at your base!” – ANASTASIA KARPEKIN, STUDENT AT WILLOW CREEK ELEMENTARY, ATTENDING STARBASE IDAHO

Thank you for doing fun activities and teaching us new that that we probably would never have done. I love it there and I wish I could stay! – Daisy Reveles, Mrs. Chierici’s 5th grade class, Willow Creek Elementary, Nampa

Thank you to all of the workers at STARBASE. We all loved the hands-on experiments. I wish we could come every Tuesday like how we did. Thank you for everything, all of the supplies and help. Kiley Martinez, Mrs. Johnson’s 5th grade class, Ross Elementary, Kuna

“Thank you for spending time with us! We really do appreciate you for teaching and getting supplies for us to learn and become so much smarter! STARBASE is the best! You guys should definitely win multiple awards!” - SYDNEY BUTLER, STUDENT AT MILL CREEK ELEMENTARY, ATTENDING STARBASE IDAHO

**Military Personnel**

“STARBASE Idaho provides tremendous value to students in our local communities. More than just enriching students’ STEM education, the program motivates students to pursue careers in the STEM field. STARBASE moves beyond teaching kids *about* science and shows them science *in action*, both in the classroom and around Gowen Field. STEM is everywhere, STARBASE helps students discover this in a fun way.” - MAJ ROBERT J. TAYLOR, IDAHO ARMY NATIONAL GUARD PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICER, STARBASE IDAHO

“STARBASE has been an incredibly valuable resource to the Idaho National Guard and our families. We have teamed up with STARBASE to provide several events for the children of our Service Members this year and their work never ceases to amaze me. The memories and connections that are facilitated through this program have greatly contributed to making the Idaho National Guard a family-based community. Showing our Service Members that we not only care about them, but their families as well, is one of the top priorities of our organization. The partnership that we have created with STARBASE has continued to move us toward that goal. We look forward to the continued collaboration between STARBASE and the Idaho National Guard.” - FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSHUA J. SEWARD, IDAHO NATIONAL GUARD J9 STATE FAMILY PROGRAMS DIRECTOR, STARBASE IDAHO