



## GREATER HOUSTON LIGHTS ON ALLIANCE

*The Greater Houston Lights On Alliance cordially invites you to join the Lights On Afterschool celebration on October 26, 2023. Lights On is a nationwide event that highlights the significance of afterschool programs for children, families, and communities across America.*

Please join us in this vital effort to *“Turn the Lights On Afterschool!”* by hosting awareness events at your campus leading up to and on October 26th. Use this time to reach out to your community and showcase why afterschool programs are essential to the success of Greater Houston’s youth and families. On the big day, roll out the red carpet and invite your parents, and community partners to visit the stars of the program – our YOUTH!

### **WEEK 1: October 2- October 6: \*\*STEM Exploration & Innovation Week\*\***

- 💡 Robotics and Coding Workshop
- 💡 Science Experiments and Hands-on Activities
- 💡 Math Game or Puzzle Competition
- 💡 Field Trip to a Local Science Museum or Observatory
- 💡 Virtual Reality and Augmented Reality Demos
- 💡 Tech Gadgets and Electronics Exploration
- 💡 Guest Speaker from the Tech Industry
- 💡 Hackathon or Innovation Challenge

### **WEEK 2: October 9 – October 13 \*\*Healthy Living and Wellness Week\*\***

- 💡 Fitness and Sports Competitions
- 💡 Nutrition and Cooking Classes
- 💡 Yoga and Mindfulness Practices
- 💡 Mental Health Awareness Workshops
- 💡 Outdoor Adventure/Nature Walk

### **WEEK 3: October 16- October 20 \*\*Culinary Arts and Food Week\*\***

- 💡 Cooking Classes and Food Safety
- 💡 Cultural Food Tasting
- 💡 Bake-off Competition
- 💡 Cooking Challenges
- 💡 Food Festival Showcase
- 💡 Guest Speakers from the Culinary Arts

### **WEEK 4: October 23-27 \*\*Youth Voice in Leadership & Service Week\*\***

- 💡 Public Speaking and Debate Workshop
- 💡 Artistic Expression Through Poetry and Music
- 💡 Resume Building and Interview Skills
- 💡 College and Scholarship Information Session
- 💡 Entrepreneurship Workshop
- 💡 "Dress for Success" Fashion Show
- 💡 Community Clean-up
- 💡 Volunteer at Local Organizations
- 💡 Fundraising and Awareness Campaigns

Programs are encouraged to register events, download free resources at [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org) and post on all socials using **#ShineBrightAfterSchool** and/or email for more information [lightsonafterschool@hcde-texas.org](mailto:lightsonafterschool@hcde-texas.org).

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