

NIHERST iSTEM CLUB

Term 2 2023-24 – IN-PERSON – Plaisance Regional Complex

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the iSTEM Club about? What is the topic/theme?

NIHERST's iSTEM Club is designed to orient the minds of our future leaders towards science and technology. It's the perfect environment to cultivate students' curiosity and creativity while teaching them to base their reasoning on evidence and solve problems via interactive and hands-on inquiry- and problem-based learning.

The following club theme will be available for Term 2 of Academic Year 2023-2024:

The Molecular Conquest	<i>Grab your microscope and journey through the body in, The Molecular Conquest. Can you survive an attack? Dig deep into body parts, mutant creatures, decode the secrets of genetic mutations and learn valuable survival skills. Become Hygiene Heroes, mastering disease transmission prevention through epic games and fun interactive sessions. Join us for an unforgettable experience that's equal parts science, survival, and sensational fun!" Where would you be when they return?</i>
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General Learning Objectives:

- **Understanding STEM Principles:** Students will gain a solid understanding of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) principles as they relate to the human body and ecosystem. This includes learning about the science behind the various systems of the body, the various types of ecosystems and the technology used in modern medicine.
- **Exploration of Disease Prevention:** Students will nurture their curiosity and deepen their knowledge of disease progression and prevention. This involves studying not only the effects on the human body but the methods by which it is controlled.
- **Technology in Natural Sciences:** Students will learn about the latest technologies used in medicine and biology. This encompasses topics such as genetic mutations, immunology, and public health.
- **Disaster Preparedness:** Engaging in scenarios that require critical thinking and problem-solving skills to address challenges faced globally can deepen the understanding of what it means to be prepared.

2. What are the club meeting dates and times?

During this school term, the club will meet in person on the following dates:

Session #	Meeting Date	Meeting Time
1	Saturday 27 th January	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
2	Saturday 3 rd February	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m..
3	Saturday 17 th February	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
4	Saturday 24 th February	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
5	Saturday 2 nd March	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
6	Saturday 16 th March	9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Your child can be dropped off as early as 8:30 a.m. and must be collected no later than 12:30 p.m.

3. What is the club venue?

Club meetings will be conducted at the Plaisance Regional Complex, Long Circular Road, Plaisance Park, Point a Pierre
[CLICK HERE for directions to Plaisance Regional Complex](#)

4. How can I register?

The registration process is done entirely online.

You can register using the Registration Link or on our website and social media platforms ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) or [Twitter](#)). Once the registration form is submitted, you will receive instructions for payment. ***Please note that your child's spot is not guaranteed until you make your payment.***

Once we confirm your payment on our end, you will be notified of your confirmed registration status.

5. Is there a registration fee?

The iSTEM Club fee is \$300.00 for the term. ***Materials and supplies are included.***

6. How can I pay the registration fee?

Upon submission of your completed online registration form(s), you will receive an email with instructions on how to make payment. At present, we will be accepting direct deposits (over-the-counter bank transactions, fast deposits, online banking transfers).

Please note you are required to retain a screenshot or photo of your proof of payment to submit to us via email (istemclub@niherst.gov.tt) as this is what will be used to confirm your spot in the club once space is available.

7. Can I register outside of the age range?

Registrations outside of the age ranges will not be permitted.

8. Can I register for more than one location?

There is only one location available – the Plaisance Regional Complex.

9. Can I register on the first day of the club?

Registration at the first club meeting will not be facilitated. Registration for the club will be closed at noon two (2) business days before the club's first meeting date, or earlier as necessary if the club reaches maximum capacity.

10. Is my spot confirmed once I submit my registration form?

No. Submission of the registration form creates a "Pending Registration" status for your child/children. Your spot is only confirmed upon when you submit your proof of payment via email to istemclub@niherst.gov.tt.

Once you submit your proof of payment, your registration status will be updated to "Confirmed".

11. Are breakfast, lunch and snacks provided?

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks are not provided.

12. What should my child/children walk with to club meetings?

Members can walk with breakfast and/or lunch as well as sufficient snacks and water as necessary. There is a cafeteria on-site and the kids are allowed to purchase snacks.

13. Is there a dress code?

Yes. See Member Code of Conduct on the [NIHERST website \(click\)](#).

Members can bring a jacket as the location is air-conditioned.

14. Will there be any field trips?

No field trips have been scheduled for this term. Members and facilitators will remain at the location for the duration of each meeting.

15. Are parents allowed to attend field trips?

There are no field trips.

16. Are parents allowed to stay at the location?

No. Parents are kindly asked to leave members in the care of the club's facilitators once dropped off at the venue.

17. How many members do you take in for each age group?

Each age grouping (5-6 years, 7-9 years, 10-13 years and 14-17 years) will accommodate up to 20 members.

18. What is the ratio of facilitators to members?

1 facilitator: 10 members

19. Are background checks conducted on facilitators?

iSTEM Club facilitators are experienced and trained NIHERST staff. Any additional facilitators are interviewed and based on their performance are hired accordingly.

20. Can I get the facilitators' contact information?

No. Contact information for NIHERST is publicly available. In the event of an emergency at the club venue, you will be contacted immediately.

21. Can I get a refund?

Please refer to the Refund Policy for Cancellations outlined on the .

