

NASA Ames Exploration Encounter (AEE)

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In the summer of 2010, the Collaborative was instrumental in supplying the creative design and project management for a recent remodel of the NASA Ames Exploration Encounter (AEE). The remodeling was done to inspire positive attitudes among children toward science, technology, engineering and math. Located in a renovated 6'x6' supersonic wind tunnel building at NASA Ames Research Center, the AEE is a unique educational facility and program that makes math and science curriculum come alive for 4th through 6th graders across the San Francisco Bay Area. Students experience science in action and grow to recognize its connection to their lives. Redesign and refurbishing of the AEE took place in a remarkably short two-month time period. The project came in 25% under budget. Since the grand reopening, NASA has received rave reviews from the young people and teachers. The redesign includes new and refurbished exhibits, a new sign and graphics system, and upgraded content that make the AEE a showcase of NASA education initiatives.