



“After a long drive home to Camarillo after visiting a children’s museum, I realized that the families of this region deserve a top quality children’s museum. To inspire lifelong learning, there’s nothing like the hands-on, minds-on experience of a first-class children’s museum. That’s the vision for kidSTREAM.”

**Kristie Akl, President and Founder
Parent, Educator, Leader, Volunteer**

- Master’s coursework in molecular biology and teaching credential, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
- Bachelor of Science in biology, University of New Orleans
- Inaugural Instructor, biotechnology class in the Bioscience Academy at Foothill Technology High School
- Amgen Fellow, National Science Teachers Association
- National Biology Teacher’s Association
- Honored with lifetime membership in the Society for Science and the Public
- Named a STEM Champion, providing high-quality STEM learning, by the Ventura County STEM Network

In addition to kidSTREAM leadership, Kristie’s passion for youth education and development extends beyond her three daughters to leading two Girl Scout troops, where she incorporates a lot of STEM-based curriculum. In addition, she is a member of the Meadowlarks Service League, for which she currently serves as communications chair.

