Greetings Faculty, Staff, Student Leaders, and Community Members:

On behalf of the Big Orange STEM Saturday (BOSS) planning committee and the UTK Libraries, we invite you to participate in our 7th annual BOSS conference at Hodges Library. BOSS is a free event presented annually by UT Libraries for middle school and high school students interested in pursuing a STEM majors and careers. The conference is scheduled for Saturday, April 7, 2018 from 9 am – 1:30 pm.

We welcome your expertise and joy for the STEM fields by presenting a 30-minute session on a topic of your choice during our breakout sessions. Presentations will run from approximately 10:45 am – 12:15 pm and all presenters will give their session twice. Lunch is included for all presenters. This year, our theme is “From Teaching to Doing: Making STEM Hands-On.” Topics of interest include, but are not limited to:

- diversity in STEM
- medicine/nutrition
- agriculture/veterinary science
- aerospace engineering
- STEM career preparedness
- student-led panels
- developing technology
- STEM opportunities in unexpected places
- computer science and/or computer programming
- Humanities and STEM (STEAM)
- everyday STEM
- making math fun

All STEM or STEM-related topics will be given consideration, but proposals must contain an interactive, hands-on component suitable for middle and high school students. Proposals that do not include an interactive component will not be considered.

Proposals should include the author(s) name(s), title, and a brief abstract not to exceed 100 words and separate description of an interactive activity.

Submit proposals via our submission link (proposals sent via email will not be accepted):
https://goo.gl/forms/n5V0EKKhqLvRQuI92

Submission deadline is Friday, February 2, 2017.

If you have questions, please contact Thura Mack at tmack@utk.edu or 865-974-6381.