Beginning three years ago to provide safe, enriching afterschool programs to underserved rural youth, the STEM Beyond School program serves 45–50 youth who are provided the program at no cost to their families.

Whether they’re tending garden seedlings or navigating the mysteries of electronic circuitry, students involved in YMCA STEM Beyond School are going beyond hands-on learning with computer coding, robotics, and field trips. Participants are finding out that science and math are fun. Better yet, they are learning that these subjects can lead to dynamic careers.

Grades: K-8
Hours and location: 3:30-5PM Monday - Thursday during the school year at Canyonville School
Partners: Douglas County Partners for Student Success, Umpqua Valley STEAM Hub, South Umpqua School District, Alder Creek Community Forest

Beginning three years ago to provide swim lessons and water safety experiences to underserved rural youth, the South County YMCA Swim Bus Program serves 10-15 youth per day in this twice weekly program at no cost to their families. The program includes transportation from Canyonville to the South Umpqua Memorial Pool in Myrtle Creek, a healthy snack, swim lessons and water safety skills training, and arts & crafts.

Grades: K-8
Hours: Two afternoons a week through the summer months
YMCA Douglas County Child Care

Kids in grades K–3 are bused from local schools for the YMCA’s licensed afterschool child care program. Approximately 18 youth are served every day. On non-school days, day camp-style fun days are offered with full day programming. Activities include homework help, healthy supper, swimming, roller skating, outdoor play, reading, STEM programming, and youth sports.

Hours: 3-6PM Monday - Friday during the school year
Location: YMCA of Douglas County, 1151 NW Stewart Parkway, Roseburg
Partners: Douglas County Partners for Student Success, Umpqua Valley STEAM Hub, Roseburg School District, Parkview Skating