

Field Trip # 5

Developed by:

Subject:

Short description:

Educational Level:

Field trip type:

Educational

Outcomes:

Notes to instructor:

Brain-Computer Interface

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Brain-Computer Interface (EEG)

Students will learn how to use brain waves to interact with a computer. Specifically, students will use a single channel, non-invasive electroencephalography (EEG) headset to interact with & manipulate a number of computer games & other activities. Students are encouraged to think creatively about other applications of this technology, especially in relation to helping people with disabilities.

4th – 12th Grade (logic/decision making class or a life science class)

Applicable subject areas: computer technology, biology, anatomy & physiology

Workshop

T The student will be able to:

- Explain how brain waves can be used to control a computer or other electrical device
- Propose their own creative uses of EEG technology
- Interact with a computer through the use of brain waves

Students are each assigned an EEG headset to use during the activity. Student will progress through a number of games & tasks that require them to either maintain a high level of concentration or relaxation. Scoring mechanisms within the applications allow the students to compete on each of the activities. It is recommended that the instructor have at least one assistant in the lab to assist learners who need help with the headsets. This learning object can easily be trimmed down to fit into a 50 minute time frame. The instructor can cover as much material as time permits or do fewer activities & games.

Activity should be done in a computer lab or a classroom with laptop computers. The instructor should demonstrate with computer connected to an overhead projector.