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THE FIFTH ANNUAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL LAUNCHES IN KENORA

(KENORA, ON) – The Kenora Science Festival, a proud member of the Northern Ontario Science Festivals, is excited to announce its 5th annual celebration of science and technology from September 16 to 21, 2024. This year, the festival promises a week-long extravaganza of engaging events, exhibits, and activities that are free to the public, providing an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the wonders of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) around them.

The Kenora Science Festival offers an impressive lineup of free public events throughout the week, including Youth Climate Action school programming, trivia events, science shows, guided hikes and more.

The event wraps up with the Kenora Science Carnival on Saturday, September 21. This one-day community event allows families to participate in engaging and fun science activities. Local exhibitors will also showcase hands-on presentations, labs, and attractions, all using local and global science concepts and engineering principles. You'll also discover the science behind Kenora's local businesses and organizations, highlighting how innovation plays a role in the community.

To see a full listing of events and to learn more visit sciencenorth.ca/kenorascifest

The fifth Kenora Science Festival is a collaborative venture under the direction of Science North, in partnership with Tourism Kenora, Kenora Public Library, 101.3 The Gap, Grand Council Treaty #3, IISD Experimental Lakes, Matiowski Farmers' Market, Mosswood Adventures, Kenora Chiefs Advisory, LOWDSA - Lake of the Woods District Stewardship Association.

Climate Action Summits supported by: Enbridge

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We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada, Public Health Agency of Canada, and the GenAction initiative towards Science Festival activities.

Quotes:

“With a week full of free STEM events, exhibits, and activities, the Kenora Science Festival will be sure to fuel minds and spark curiosity in visitors of all ages. From classic lab demonstrations to an educational nature walk, to extreme science trivia, this year’s festival has something for everyone. Congratulations to Science North and its partners for supporting another fun and stimulating STEM event in Northern Ontario.” – **Stan Cho, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming**

“As the fifth annual Kenora Science Festival gets underway, I would like to welcome and thank all those involved including community partners and sponsors, the festival is an opportunity for young families to immerse themselves in events, exhibits, and activities that enhance their understanding and knowledge of science, technology, engineering and math. We couldn’t be more excited for its return to beautiful Lake of the Woods for another year.” - **Greg Rickford, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kenora-Rainy River and Minister of Northern Development.**

“The City is proud to have the Kenora Science Festival return to the community for the fifth year. This weeklong event provides impressive opportunities for youth and interested community members to attend and participate in a wealth of activities. The Science Carnival will be another fantastic community event for all ages, and we are proud of our local businesses and organizations who will demonstrate their innovation to all in attendance” states **City of Kenora Mayor, Andrew Poirier.**

"Our fifth annual Kenora Science Festival is a testament to the power of community-driven curiosity and innovation. We are thrilled to once again bring together local minds and global ideas, showcasing how science and technology play a vital role in our everyday lives. We're especially proud to bring Science North to a vibrant northern community like Kenora, where the passion for learning and discovery is truly inspiring. This festival not only celebrates the wonders of STEM but also inspires the next generation of thinkers and doers right here in Northern Ontario. A big thank you to all of our community partners and sponsors who have made our science festival such a success." - **Ashley Larose MSc, CEO, Science North**

The Science North team brings the BEST programming to our city! Great fun for all ages and I learn something new every time. I look forward to taking part in their Science Festival again!
- **Vic Moss, Mosswood Adventures and Rentals**

“The world’s freshwater laboratory—right here in northwestern Ontario is honoured to have the opportunity to connect with people from across the region at the Kenora Science Festival. We hope that sharing our unique approach to freshwater science will inspire curiosities and passions for science in Ontarians of all ages. This is why we strive to work closely with this community to share, learn, uplift, and support each other. Together with Science North, Kenora Science Festival partners, and community members we are thrilled to be boosting science in the region.”
- **Cassidy Mazur, Senior Education and Outreach Officer, IISD Experimental Lakes Area**

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