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THE FOURTH 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 4th annual celebration of science and technology from September 18 to 23, 2023. This year, the festival promises a week-long extravaganza of engaging events, exhibits, and activities that are open to the public, providing an opportunity for people of all ages to explore the wonders of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics).

The Kenora Science Festival offers an impressive lineup of free public events throughout the week including the Northern Ontario Youth Climate Action Summit, trivia events, science shows, guided hikes and more. The week wraps up with the Kenora Science Carnival on September 23. This one-day community event highlights the exciting science happening in the Kenora region and provides families with the opportunity to participate in engaging and fun science, innovation, and technology activities. Visit with exhibitors displaying hands-on presentations, labs, and attractions, all using local science concepts and engineering principles.

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

The fourth Kenora Science Festival is a collaborative venture under the direction of Science North, in partnership with Lake of the Woods Kenora, Kenora Public Library, Matiowski Farmers' Market, The MUSE, The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls, Bimose Tribal Council, FSET, IISD Experimental Lakes Area, and proudly affiliated with the Science Festival Alliance.

We acknowledge the financial support of the Government of Canada, the Northern Ontario School of Medicine and the GenAction initiative towards Science Festival activities.

Quotes:

“The Kenora Science Festival is a fun and engaging celebration of science, innovation, and technology – with family friendly content that inspires the next generation of STEM professionals. I would like to thank Science North and all partners for making this year’s festival a reality and I encourage science enthusiasts of all ages to visit and participate in the interactive exhibits and live events.” - **Hon. Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport**

“The Kenora Science Festival is an incredible opportunity for people of all ages to engage and explore a number of offerings across the world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics,” said **Hon. Greg Rickford, Minister of Indigenous Affairs and Minister of Northern Development, Member of Provincial Parliament for Kenora-Rainy River**. “I’d like to thank all of those involved for putting this event on for a fourth year, and I encourage constituents from across the great riding of Kenora-Rainy River to spend some time taking in all that the festival has to offer.”

“We are thankful to see the return of the Kenora Science Festival to the City of Kenora for a fourth year. The unique science opportunities that are planned for the upcoming event are engaging and includes the uniqueness of our beautiful area. I encourage all residents and visitors to take part in the exciting event once again this year” – **Andrew Poirier, Kenora Mayor**

“We are beyond thrilled to bring the Kenora Science Festival back for its fourth year! The wonderful partnerships that exist in Kenora are key to hosting such fun and engaging Science Festivals. We are so grateful to be embraced by this community year over year and we hope you’ll join us and our partners for a week of celebrating science, technology, and innovation!” – **Ashley Larose MSc, CEO, Science North**

“Tourism Kenora is excited to partner with Science North for the fourth Kenora Science Festival. This week is always great because Science North partners with many local businesses, community groups and visits many local schools on top of the permanent and traveling exhibits that are hosted at the Discovery Centre year after year. This year sounds like it will be bigger and better than the last with new and returning experiences” – **Helena Devins, Tourism Kenora**

“The Team at Bimose Tribal Council is extremely excited to be part of the Indigenous Traditional Medicine Sharing Day during the Kenora Science Festival. It lets our community schools and local schools come together and gain a deeper understanding of the four sacred plants, tobacco, sage, sweetgrass and cedar and how they promote our health and well-being.” – **Bimose Tribal Council Inc.**

IISD Experimental Lakes Area—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. – **IISD Experimental Lakes Area**

“As a partner with Science North, FSET is thrilled to contribute to the Science Festival. We are dedicated to fostering innovation and introducing our future leaders to the wonders of science and technology. Join us in the exciting activities throughout the Science Festival week and enjoy this remarkable celebration of science and technology.” - **Nicole Brown, COO, FSET**

“The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls takes great pride in being a collaborative partner of the Science Festival. We are delighted to host and engage in events and programming that ignite curiosity and amazement, inviting individuals of all ages to revel in the joy of learning and explore the wonders of science in a meaningful and purposeful way.”

– **The Township of Sioux Narrows-Nestor Falls**

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