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10TH ANNUAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL SPRINGS INTO ACTION IN SAULT STE. MARIE

(SAULT STE. MARIE, ON) – The Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival is back for its 10th year of science, technology, and fun in various locations across the city April 22 to April 27. Every year the Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival shines the spotlight on science among children, teens, and adults by offering an opportunity to celebrate science in an engaging, interactive, and welcoming setting for all ages.

This week-long festival is FREE to the public and highlights science and technology with a variety of events throughout the city. The Science Carnival, the Advanced Research Technology Expo (ARTIE), and Science Trivia Night at the Brewery all return this year. The Youth Climate Action Summit event plans to increase students' understanding of climate change science, empowered young people to take personal action on climate change and inspired them to become future leaders and innovators for climate action.

Here is an overview of this year's [Science Festival](#):

April 22: Plaza Takeover
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM | 99 Foster Dr. Sault Ste. Marie, ON

April 23 and 24: Northern Ontario Youth Climate Action Summit
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM | Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre

April 24: Science Trivia Night 19+
Doors open at 6:30 PM | Northern Superior Brewery

April 25: ARTIE (Advanced Research Technology Innovation Expo)
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM | Algoma University

April 26: Water Works
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM | Belleview Park & Algoma University

April 27: Science Carnival
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre

For more information about The Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival visit sciencenorth.ca/ssmscifest

The Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival is sponsored by PUC Services Inc. The festival would not be possible without the support of the group of partners: Algoma University, Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre, Invasive Species Centre, Natural Resources Canada – Canadian Forest Service, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Sault College, Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, Ministry

of Natural Resources and Forestry, Sault Ste. Marie Public Library, Parks Canada and Science North as the managing partners.

Quotes:

“Congratulations on the Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival’s 10th anniversary, a fun and engaging celebration of science, innovation, and technology. Science enthusiasts of all ages should visit this family-friendly festival and enjoy the interactive exhibits and live events designed to inspire a love of STEM.” - **Hon. Neil Lumsden, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport**

“I want to thank Science North for hosting this important event in Sault Ste. Marie for its 10th anniversary. Engaging young people in the sciences and technology are critical to keeping us on a path to success, and illustrate how these skills are important for our future. I especially want to thank our youth participating in the Climate Action Summit, for your dedication to protecting our environment and tackling these challenges.” - **Terry Sheehan, Member of Parliament for Sault Ste. Marie**

“It is a pleasure to welcome the return of Science North’s Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival, in this its 10th year! Learning is a lifelong adventure, and I am thrilled to see such an innovative schedule of events that will no doubt continue to inspire and empower participants of all ages. Thank you to the dedicated partners who have helped to bring this opportunity to Sault Ste Marie!” -**Ross Romano, MPP for Sault Ste. Marie**

“The Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival has become a great addition to our community through fun and educational activities that engage students and connect them with local experts doing cutting-edge work in a number of scientific fields – demonstrating the career paths available in science and technology.” - **Matthew Shoemaker, Sault Ste. Marie Mayor**

“Science North and the Science Festival bring communities and partners together to collaborate, share and foster curiosity and learning. We are grateful to be involved in this exciting event that brings out the best in everyone!”
- **Jamie Hilsinger, Executive Director, Canadian Bushplane Heritage Centre**

“As a proud partner in the Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival, the Sault Ste. Marie Public Library is excited to join forces with Science North in fostering a community of curiosity and discovery. Through this collaboration, we aim to ignite a passion for learning and exploration, providing accessible opportunities for all ages to engage with the wonders of science and technology.” – **Matthew McDonald, Chief Executive Officer Sault Ste. Marie Public Library**

"At the Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre, we are dedicated to cultivating a collaborative environment that fosters bold ideas and meaningful partnerships. ARTIE, the Advanced Research and Technology Innovation Expo, serves as a platform to showcase the exciting science and entrepreneurial spirit within our community. We are proud to be a part of the Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival, bringing science and innovation to the youth in our community." – **Peter Bruijns, Executive Director Sault Ste. Marie Innovation Centre.**

“For a decade now Science North has been working with incredible partners in Sault Ste. Marie to bring the annual Sault Ste. Marie Science Festival to life. Our commitment to Science North being in and for all of Northern Ontario is a catalyst for our organization, weaving itself into everything that we do. I want to express my heartfelt thank you to our community partners for their ongoing support and we look forward to continuing to provide even more amazing experiences to the Sault Ste. Marie community in the years to come.” – **Ashley Larose MSc, CEO, Science North**

About Science North

Science North is Northern Ontario’s most popular tourist attraction and an educational resource for children and adults across the province. Science North maintains the second and eighth-largest science centres in Canada. Science North’s attractions include a science centre, IMAX® theatre, digital Planetarium, butterfly gallery, special exhibits hall, and Dynamic Earth: Home of the Big Nickel. Science North, in partnership with Laurentian University, offers North America’s first and only comprehensive Science Communication program, a joint Master’s and Graduate Diploma program. As part of its mandate, Science North provides science experiences throughout Northern Ontario including outreach to schools and festivals, summer science camps and more, and has a permanent base in Thunder Bay providing outreach to the Northwest. Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For information, visit sciencenorth.ca.

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