

North Bay Celebrates the Eighth Annual Science Festival

(North Bay, ON) – The North Bay Science Festival, a proud member of the Northern Ontario Science Festivals, will spread the joy of science and community with its 8th annual celebration of science and technology from November 18 to 22, 2025. This year, the festival will feature a week-long extravaganza of engaging events, exhibits, and activities that will be 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 North Bay Science Festival will offer a lineup of free events throughout the week:

- **LEGO® Robot Workshop** Participants will build and code EV3 LEGO® Robots, learning drive commands, line following, and design skills.
- **Science Night at the Museum** Bluecoats will lead hands-on activities at the THINK Hub where visitors will engineer, build instruments, and explore light.
- Stars, Rocks & Robots Trivia Night The North Bay Astronomy Club, Nipissing Rock and Mineral Club, and FIRST Team 1305 will host a fun night of fascinating trivia, guest speakers, displays, and a silent auction.

The week wraps up with the North Bay Science Carnival on Saturday, November 22, 11:00 am–4:00 pm, at the <u>Canadore College / Nipissing University Cafeteria</u>. This free, fun-filled day of discovery at the North Bay Science Carnival—a vibrant community celebration where science comes to life! Families are invited to take part in engaging activities and explore the exciting world of science, technology, and engineering through hands-on exhibits, interactive presentations, and live entertainment.

A full schedule of activities is available at sciencenorth.ca/nbscifest

This year, the North Bay Science Festival is a collaborative venture under the direction of Science North, in partnership with Canadore College, FIRST Robotics North Bay, North Bay Museum, North Bay Library, North Bay Astronomy Club, and NSRI (Near North Student Robotics Initiative).

Sponsored by: North Bay Centennial and Canadian Association of Science Centres.

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

Quotes:

"Canadore College's Kikandaaswiwin Mookiisin STEAM Program is excited to once again be participating in the Northern Ontario Science Festivals hosted by Science North! This yearly event shines a light on STEM happening in Northern Ontario, and the Kikandaaswiwin Mookiisin STEAM Program are proud to be involved by showcasing hands-on activities that bring Indigenous knowledges and ways of knowing together with Western STEM concepts." - Carly Renaud, Manager, Indigenous Research and Development, First Peoples' Centre, Canadore College of Applied Arts and Technology.

"We're proud to be part of the Science Festival because it celebrates curiosity, discovery, and community engagement in science. We're especially excited about how it inspires young people to explore and ask questions!"

- Paula Loranger, *Community Relations Coordinator*, North Bay-Mattawa Conservation Authority.

"We find that the science carnival fulfills the mission of the North Bay Astronomy Club which is to inspire curiosity and foster a deeper understanding of the universe through the exploration of astronomy. By sharing knowledge, hosting events, and offering hands-on experiences, we seek to ignite a passion for space, and connect people with the wonders of the cosmos." - Michelle St-Onge, President, North Bay Astronomy Club.

"FIRST Robotics Team 1305 is proud to have partnered with Science North for the North Bay Science Festival since its inception. The team is committed to STEM education in our community and so the festival is a great opportunity for our team to promote fun learning with cool robots and like-minded partners!"- **FIRST Team 1305**

"The North Bay Science Festival shows what can happen when a community comes together to make science accessible, exciting, and meaningful. With every workshop, activity, and hands-on experience, we're helping young people build confidence, creativity, and a lifelong love for STEM. Thank you to our North Bay partners for making this festival such a powerful celebration of possibility."

— Ashley Larose MSc, CEO, Science North

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