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Seventh Annual Kenora Science Festival Celebrates Science, Innovation and Community

(KENORA, ON) – The Kenora Science Festival is returning for its seventh annual celebration from September 23 to 26, 2026. The festival offers free events and activities for people of all ages to explore the science, technology, engineering and mathematics happening throughout the region.

This year, the Kenora Science Festival features the following free public events:

- **Science at Matiowski's Farmers' Market** – Science North Bluecoats and festival partners will bring science to the market through demonstrations, hands-on activities and interactive displays.

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Time: 8:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Location: Jarnel Contracting Pavilion

- **Robot Workshop** – Participants ages 12–25 will learn how to code LEGO® SPIKE, Beebot and VEX robots before putting their skills to the test through a series of challenges.

Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Time: 4:30–6:30 p.m.

Location: Kenora Youth Wellness Hub

- **Science Night at the Discovery Centre** – Families will enjoy hands-on activities and a live science show exploring the wonders of nature and the forces that shape life on Earth. Visitors can test their knowledge for a chance to win a prize pack, bring their questions to *Ask a Scientist* and participate in the *Nature Exchange* Program. Science North's

permanent installations—including the THINK Hub and Jane Goodall's *Reasons for Hope*—will also be available to explore.

Date: Thursday, September 24, 2026

Time: 5:30–7:30 p.m., with the science show beginning at 6 p.m.

Location: Lake of the Woods Discovery Centre

The festival concludes with the Kenora Science Carnival on Saturday, September 26 from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. at the Jarnel Contracting Pavilion. Admission to the science carnival is free and visitors can expect hands-on STEM activities, live entertainment from local artists and community exhibitors. Science North will also be performing live science shows throughout the day. The carnival will also feature a community barbecue hosted by A Dog's Life and a visit from the Kenora Fire Department.

Whether experimenting, building, or simply exploring, the Kenora Science Festival offers an exciting opportunity for all residents to discover how science and innovation shape everyday life in the community.

For the complete event schedule and more information, visit sciencenorth.ca/kenorascifest.

The seventh annual Kenora Science Carnival is a collaborative venture under the direction of: Science North

Sponsored By:
CAA North & East Ontario

In Partnership With:
Tourism Kenora, IISD Experimental Lakes Area, Matiowski Farmers Market, Triple PLAY, Mosswood Adventures

Quotes:

"The Kenora Science Festival is a great opportunity for Northern Ontarians of all ages to enjoy immersive events, exhibits and activities, all designed to

spark a lifelong interest in the STEM disciplines. The unique, hands-on programming provides something for everyone. Congratulations to Science North and its partners for hosting another fun and stimulating STEM event in Northern Ontario.”

- Zee Hamid, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming

“The Kenora Science Festival hosted by Science North, has become a favourite in our community, sparking curiosity, encouraging learning and getting people excited about science. From hands-on activities and engaging events throughout the week to the Science Carnival under the Jarnel Contracting Pavilion, there are many opportunities for all ages to learn, explore and have fun together.

We are excited to partner with Science North and community partners to bring the 7th annual Science Week to Kenora.”

- Josh Nelson, Tourism Development Officer, City of Kenora

“We’re delighted to celebrate the 7th annual Kenora Science Festival and bring people together to explore the science happening all around us. Through hands-on, family-friendly experiences, the festival creates opportunities for people of all ages to see how science, technology, engineering and math connect to their everyday lives. Together with our partners, we’re proud to continue growing this celebration of curiosity, discovery and learning in Kenora and across Northwestern Ontario.”

- Ashley Larose, CEO, Science North

About Science North

Science North brings science to life by connecting people through stories, curiosity, and shared exploration. As Northern Ontario’s premier science destination, it offers immersive, hands-on experiences at two dynamic science centres in Greater Sudbury: Science North and Dynamic Earth. At Science North, visitors explore world-class exhibits, an IMAX® theatre, a digital Planetarium, a butterfly gallery, and four floors of interactive STEM experiences. Dynamic Earth, home to the iconic Big Nickel, features earth sciences exhibits, a lapidary lab, and an underground mining tour. Beyond its walls, Science North sparks curiosity across Northern Ontario with dedicated

satellite offices in Thunder Bay and Sault Ste. Marie. Through these hub locations, Science North provides innovative outreach programs, long-term exhibitions, school visits, festivals, and summer camps across the North. Science North also creates and tours award-winning exhibitions and immersive experiences worldwide. In partnership with Laurentian University, it also delivers North America's only comprehensive Science Communication graduate program. Science North is an agency of the Government of Ontario. For more information, visit sciencenorth.ca.

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