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THUNDER BAY SCIENCE FESTIVAL MARKS ITS 14TH YEAR

Thunder Bay, ON – Science North is thrilled to announce the 14th annual Thunder Bay Science Festival, taking place from Monday, February 16 through Saturday, February 21, 2026. This exciting week-long event celebrates all things science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) through engaging, interactive, and community-focused activities for participants of every age.

From crowd-favourite gatherings like Nerd Nite and the Northern Ontario Youth Climate Action Summit to the ever-popular Science Carnival, the Thunder Bay Science Festival offers a dynamic platform for exploration and discovery.

This year's Science Carnival will feature a special Research and Innovation Area created by Lakehead University, offering hands-on activities and demonstrations that highlight how science shapes our world.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to explore, learn, and have fun at the Thunder Bay Science Festival. For the latest schedules, and event details visit:
sciencenorth.ca/science-festivals

The Thunder Bay Science Festival is a collaborative venture under the direction of Science North, in partnership with Intercity Shopping Center, EcoSuperior, Thunder Bay Museum, Parks Canada and Lakehead University.

Presented by: CAA North & East Ontario

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

Quotes:

We are thrilled to team up with Science North once again to kick off Research and Innovation Week. The Science Festival is a fantastic opportunity for Lakehead University to bring our research into the community, sparking curiosity in the next generation. We look forward to welcoming families with fun, hands-on activities to showcase the incredible work happening at Lakehead University.

- Dr. Langis Roy, Vice-President Research and Innovation at Lakehead University

As we gear up for another exciting week of science learning, EcoSuperior would like to thank Science North for creating this annual opportunity for Thunder Bay. Each year students, youth, adults and families can experience the thrill science has to offer. EcoSuperior has had the pleasure of supporting the week-long Festival through student programming and hosting activities at the culminating Science Carnival! Please join all the contributing partners and discover the abundance of science.

- Erin Moir, Co-Executive Director, EcoSuperior

Science helps us understand, protect, and connect with the places that matter most. Parks Canada is pleased to partner with Science North for the Thunder Bay Science Festival to share how science guides conservation, research, and stewardship across our national parks and historic sites. Events like this invite curiosity, spark discovery, and help people of all ages see how science shapes the landscapes and stories we care for—today and into the future.

- Pamela Jalak, Northern Ontario Superintendent, Parks Canada

Brick Build OFF! is about bringing people together through creativity and hands-on learning, by inviting participants to re-imagine Thunder Bay's stories, landmarks, and ingenuity through building, we're creating a fun, inclusive way for families and young people to connect with local history while celebrating imagination and problem-solving.

- Scott Bradley, Executive Director of The Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society

The Thunder Bay Science Festival is a powerful example of what's possible when a community comes together around curiosity and learning. For Thunder Bay and the surrounding region, opportunities like this help make science accessible, relevant, and inspiring close to home. Science North is proud to support science engagement across Northern Ontario, and we're grateful to the community partners whose collaboration, leadership, and local knowledge make this festival meaningful and impactful year after year.

- Ashley Larose MSc, CEO of Science North

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