



MSU Science Festival runs April 1-6

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – The MSU Science Festival returns to mid-Michigan on April 1-6 with an exciting line up that promises something for everyone.

More than 100 different hands-on activities, demonstrations, seminars, exhibits, and guided tours are included in the six-day schedule for this year's event.

"We encourage children and adults to experience science like never before," said Renee Leone, MSU Science Festival Coordinator.

"Science is part of our everyday lives, and we have designed a week-long celebration that shows how tangible and accessible science can be for anyone."

The events are presented by members of the MSU scientific community as well as a number of guest presenters and community participants. Building on the success of last year's debut festival, the programming includes old favorites and new features.

Programming Highlights:

Weekday and weekend presentations - cover a wide range of topics, such as robotics, advanced microscopy, sneaker science, the history and science of archery, bird banding, forest forensics, science in art, and orthopedic research on aching backs.

Robert Krulwich, co-host of National Public Radio's "Radiolab" – featured keynote speaker will share TV and radio stories, including "An Octopus with Saddam Hussein" and other stories involving crows, squids on a blind date, and a bird that invents an anti-gravity device. Friday, April 4, 7-8 p.m., Kellogg Center.

Lansing State Journal (LSJ) Expo Tent – features hands-on activities for the whole family to enjoy. Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, 12 noon-4 p.m. Located on campus at Benefactor's Plaza between Natural Science, Student Services, and Old Horticulture buildings.

Delta Dental's Early Childhood Zone – features primary and early elementary teachers and specialists demonstrating their best science activities within a zone designated for preschoolers. Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Sunday, April 6, 12 noon-4 p.m. Located on campus at the Morrill Hall Atrium.

Vet-A-Visit – College of Veterinary Medicine annual open house. Saturday, April 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Veterinary Medical Center, 736 Wilson Road.

Virtual Visit to the Large Hadron Collider at CERN – talk to the MSU researchers working on the ATLAS experiment via a live video feed to the MSU office at CERN in Geneva, Switzerland. Saturday, April 5, 10 a.m.-12 noon, North Kedzie Hall, Room 101.

Science in the City – presentations on the science connected to products and services in nine downtown East Lansing businesses. Saturday, April 5, 6-9 p.m.

An Afternoon of Comedy and Science – featuring science comedian Brian Malow, followed by Say it in 7 presentations with MSU scientists. Sunday, April 6, 3:30-5 p.m., North Kedzie Hall.

Fast Facts:

- All events are free and open to the public.
- Flyers and posters are distributed around mid-Michigan. Program booklets with a complete six-day schedule, event descriptions, and campus map are available at the Office of University Outreach and Engagement, (517) 353-8977, as well as various locations around campus and the mid-Michigan community.
- The festival is hosted by Michigan State University. Sponsors include Office of the Associate Provost for University Outreach and Engagement, Office of the Provost, Lyman Briggs College, College of Education, College of Human Medicine, College of Osteopathic Medicine, College of Social Science, The Graduate School, and MSU Museum.
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- Communication partners include: City of East Lansing, City of Lansing, LEAP, Power of We Consortium, Science Festival Alliance and United Way.
- More information, including the full schedule, is available online at sciencefestival.msu.edu.

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