SCIENCE CENTER’S CHEMFEST SOLVES MYSTERIES THROUGH CHEMISTRY

ANNUAL EVENT CELEBRATES NATIONAL CHEMISTRY WEEK

PITTSBURGH, Oct. 13, 2016 — To celebrate National Chemistry Week, Carnegie Science Center is hosting its annual ChemFest Celebration on Friday, Oct. 21, and Saturday, Oct. 22. This year’s theme is “Solving Mysteries through Chemistry.”

With dozens of hands-on activities for the whole family, ChemFest demonstrates that chemistry is not limited to beakers and laboratories; it is all around us.

Visitors can experiment with crime scene chemistry by learning to detect forged documents, visualize fingerprints, and identify invisible ink. Other exciting hands-on activities include making super bouncy balls and extracting DNA from strawberries. Demonstrations will explore the periodic table and different types of luminescence.

Representatives from local companies, colleges, and universities will be on-site to present activities and talk about their work in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.

ChemFest runs from 10 am – 3 pm on Friday, Oct. 21, and 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday, Oct. 22. ChemFest activities are included with general admission.

National Chemistry Week is an event of the American Chemical Society. Presented by Ashland, ChemFest is hosted in partnership with the American Chemical Society and is sponsored by WISH 99.7 FM.

Additional support is provided by the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh, the Spectroscopy Society of Pittsburgh, the PPG Foundation, and the PPG Science Education Council.

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About Carnegie Science Center
Carnegie Science Center is dedicated to inspiring learning and curiosity by connecting science and technology with everyday life. By making science both relevant and fun, the Science Center's goal is to increase science literacy in the region and motivate young people to seek careers in science and technology. One of the four Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, the Science Center is Pittsburgh's premier science exploration destination, reaching more than 700,000 people annually through its hands-on exhibits, camps, classes, and off-site education programs.

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