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University of Lethbridge and Let's Talk Science opens registration for 9th Annual Spooky Science Weekend

On November 2, 2019, Let's Talk Science will offer numerous fun, hands-on science activities for enthusiastic children, as well as captivating and explosive demonstrations from several different streams of science at the 9th Annual Spooky Science Weekend.

This year's highlights include firing a vortex cannon, making ghostly boo bubbles and brewing unusual potion solutions — all in the U of L's new Science Commons atrium. There will also be colourful concoctions and an explosive pumpkin demonstration courtesy of our very own Chem Guys; be prepared for some messy, spooky fun! And of course, we would love to see all participants come out in their Halloween costumes.



Registration for each of the two Spooky Science time slots (1 to 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 8 p.m.) opened today at <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/spooky-science-2019-tickets-73875743337>. For safety reasons, no more than 150 children can attend a single event, and children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration for the Spooky Science Weekend is free and only kids need to register for a space, their accompanying adult does not.

Spooky Science Weekend is organized each year by science graduate and undergraduate students at the University of Lethbridge who volunteer for the national Let's Talk Science Outreach program. It is their goal to share their passion for science with

children of all ages, to increase the public accessibility of science and to inspire students to pursue careers in science. The activities for the event have been designed by graduate student volunteers between several different science disciplines. Overall, more than 20 graduate and undergraduate student volunteers will assist during the day to make it a fun and inspiring experience for everyone involved.

ABOUT LET'S TALK SCIENCE:

The Let's Talk Science Outreach program at the University of Lethbridge targets local high schools and is managed by graduate student volunteers in the sciences. This program enhances the science experience of students, in particular in high schools, and provides graduate students with the opportunity to grow their skills in science communication, thereby strengthening the connection between the University and local schools. Over the years, the Let's Talk Science Outreach program at the University of Lethbridge has conducted numerous visits to high school, middle school and elementary school classes in Lethbridge and southern Alberta; has offered teachers' workshops at Teachers' Convention; and has added to the scientific program at Lethbridge science fairs by offering tours of research laboratories and numerous hands-on activities.

The Let's Talk Science Outreach program at the University of Lethbridge is supported by the national Let's Talk Science organization. Let's Talk Science is an award-winning, national, non-profit, science outreach organization. Let's Talk Science creates and delivers science learning programs and services that turn children and youth on to science, keep them engaged in learning and develop their potential to become 21st century citizens, innovators and stewards. For more information about Let's Talk Science, please visit letstalkscience.ca.

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