



2018 MSU Science Festival runs April 6-22

More than 250 free events during 17 days! Something for everyone!

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – They are ready to dazzle, delight, educate, and inform.

Are you ready?

The MSU Science Festival runs April 6-22, and visitors can select from more than 250-plus FREE events and activities that highlight science, technology, engineering, arts, and math (STEAM).

The MSU scientific community, along with science professionals and educators from across the state—plus featured guests—are ready to talk about the wonder of discovery, and share their enthusiasm with everyone from the very young to the very young at heart. They are ready to dazzle, delight, educate, and inform the curious because they enjoy the important role that science concepts play in shaping our future as well as our everyday lives.

“Our theme this year is To the Future and Back,” said Roxanne Truhn, MSU Science Festival Coordinator. “We know that questions and ideas generated today can mean scientific discovery in the future. All we have to do is look at history to see what can be accomplished by men and women who were curious or addressed a need or observed the universe closely.”

Among the 2018 Programming Highlights:

- **April 6:** Kickoff event at the [Michigan History Center](#) in Lansing with WILX Chief Meteorologist, Andy Provenzano.
- **April 7:** [MSU Expo Day](#) features demonstrations, talks with experts, presentations, and hands-on activities at the Lansing State Journal Expo Zone, and Delta Dental's Early Childhood Zone on MSU's main campus in East Lansing.

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- **April 7:** Meet [featured guest speaker NASA Astronaut Josh A. Cassada](#) and learn about International Space Station systems, Extravehicular Activity (EVA), robotics, T-38 flight training and astronaut candidate training during the Expo Day.
- **April 9:** [Special guest speaker Erika Bergman, National Geographic Young Explorer](#) and submersible pilot, will present “Inspiration through Exploration,” leading the audience through a virtual reality ocean exploration at 7 pm in the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing.
- **April 14:** Plan your day around 23 [tours and open house events](#) on MSU’s campus. Opportunities abound to see anything from Butterflies in the Garden to the WKAR-TV Studios to the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory to the Neuroscience Fair.
- **April 15:** [Detroit Expo Day](#), with a range of activities including a flight simulator at the Tuskegee Airmen National Historical Museum and exploration at the Belle Isle Conservatory.
- **April 20:** [Statewide Astronomy Night](#) includes exploration and shows at observatories and planetariums from 13 locations across Michigan with a tremendous group of community partners. See stars, planets, and more.
- **Also April 6-22:** Don’t miss any of the [Science Cafes and Pubs](#), where all ages can learn about the art and science of coffee, the process and science behind beer making, pinball wizardry, and Cirque du Sic!
- **Also April 6-22:** Don’t miss any of the [Nights at the Museums](#). Unleash your curiosity and discover fossils, jets, flight simulators, Michigan science, invisibility cloaks, chemistry experiments, and more. There is something for everyone!

The [online schedule of events](#) is now available, along with printed program booklets available at various mid-Michigan locations. The full schedule of events features nights at the museum, dazzling demonstrations, talks with experts, science pub nights, and more!

Science Festival Fast Facts:

- The MSU Science Festival is the largest free science festival in Michigan
- The festival attracts more than 20,000 attendees per year with 250 unique activities in 40 venues across Michigan.
- Over 63 statewide partners contribute to the festival.
- All statewide and on-campus events are **free** and open to the public.

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