



2017 MSU Science Festival runs April 7-23

More than 50 new presentations, plus perennial favorites!

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EAST LANSING, Mich. – What makes you curious?

Why do things work the way they do? How can we make things better? What will the future hold? Will one of your ideas change the world?

The [MSU Science Festival](#) invites everyone to explore these questions during a multi-day series of events April 7-23 that highlight science, technology, engineering, arts, and math.

The 2017 MSU Science Festival online [schedule of events](#) is now available, and there is something for everyone. Events and activities are presented by members of the MSU scientific community, science professionals, and educators from across the state. Printed program booklets are also available at various mid-Michigan locations.

“Advancements in science and technology impact our daily lives and shape our future in amazing ways. We are reminded of this every time we pause and consider our cell phones, computers, water and food resources, medical advancements, and new emerging autonomous vehicles,” said Renee Leone, Festival coordinator. “The Science Festival is an exciting opportunity to experience these innovations live, and to exchange ideas with researchers and professionals first hand.”

Special events are slated across Michigan with a concentration of activities in the East Lansing and Detroit areas.

Among the 2017 Programming Highlights:

- The festival is free and open to the public. There are events for all ages.
- **Statewide Astronomy Night.** Participation by various planetariums, observatories, and locations around Michigan. *April 7*
- **East Lansing Expo Day and More.** Featuring the popular **LSJ Expo Zone** and **Delta Dental’s Early Childhood Zone**, and much, much more. *April 8*
- **PaleoJoe–Fossils from the Michigan Basin.** *April 8*
- **Gastropod–Live.** A podcast about food, science and history. *April 8*
- **Detroit Expo Day and More.** *April 9*

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- **Science Café and Pub Nights.** *Beginning April 9*
- **Night at the Museums.** *Beginning April 10*
- **Take A Tour Day.** *April 15*
- **Dazzling Demo Feature Night.** *April 20*

Fast Facts:

- All events are **free** and open to the public.
- There are programs and activities for all ages.
- Flyers and posters are distributed around mid-Michigan. Program booklets with a complete April 7-23 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, Lansing State Journal, Detroit Public Television, Delta Dental, WKAR Curious Crew, WILX-Channel 10, Dart Foundation, Dean Transportation, K¹², Inc., FRIB (Facility for Rare Isotope Beams), College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, College of Communication Arts and Sciences, MSU Federal Credit Union, Meijer, College of Social Science, College of Education, College of Natural Science, Jackson National Life Community Fund, MSU AgBioResearch.
- Admission to venues during Detroit Day and More events is free thanks to Belle Isle Conservancy, Belle Isle Nature Zoo, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, and Meijer.
- Events are offered in 15-plus cities across Michigan, including East Lansing, Detroit, Grand Rapids, Alpena, Marquette, and others. Visitors will have free access to events at participating planetariums, museums, cafés, pubs, nature centers, and Expo venues.
- More information, including the full schedule and complete list of sponsors, is available online at sciencefestival.msu.edu.

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