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5th Annual Spooky Science Weekend at the University of Lethbridge

(Lethbridge, AB) – On October 21 and 22, children ages five to 12 from across southern Alberta are invited to participate in a variety of Halloween-themed science activities in three separate events at the University of Lethbridge. Spooky Science Weekend offers numerous fun, hands-on science activities for enthusiastic children, exposing them to several different streams of science and spooky fun!

This event will be filled with science activities sure to excite and engage the younger generation, followed by some captivating and explosive demonstrations. This year's highlights include creating thin film bookmarks, candy chromatography, and a ghost cannon. The children will also be able to take home many of the spooky/science-y toys they make. Be prepared for some messy, spooky and yucky fun! And of course, we would love to see all participants in spooky costumes.

Please note that, for safety reasons, no more than 100 children can attend a single event, and children must be accompanied by an adult. **Registration for the Spooky Science Weekend is mandatory, but free and will open on October 7 on a first come – first serve basis.** Please visit our webpage <http://www.letstalkscience.ca/u leth> for more details or register on our Eventbrite page at <http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/spooky-science-weekend-2016-tickets-28270274151>.

Spooky Science Weekend is organized each year by science graduate and undergraduate students at the U of L 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 from 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.

WHEN: Friday, October 21, 5 – 7 p.m.
Saturday, October 22, 1 – 3 p.m.
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WHERE: University Hall Atrium
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ABOUT LET'S TALK SCIENCE:

The Let's Talk Science Outreach program at the U of L targets the 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 the local schools. In the last few years, the Let's Talk Science Outreach program at the U of L has conducted numerous school visits to high school, middle school and elementary school classes in Lethbridge and southern Alberta, has offered teachers' workshops at the Teachers Convention, and has added to the scientific program at the Lethbridge Science Fairs by offering tours of research laboratories and offering numerous hands-on activities for participants.

The Let's Talk Science Outreach program at the U of L 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 www.letstalkscience.ca.



Children making Screaming Cups at Spooky Science Night 2014