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(September 27, 2007)-Jesh Livstrom '10, UMM News Service – The University of Minnesota, Morris will host “Super Saturday Science,” an exciting opportunity for girls to expand their interest in science. Girls in grades five through seven are encouraged to attend and explore the fascinating realm of science with professionals.

Super Saturday Science will take place on Saturday, Oct. 13, in the UMM Science building, from 9 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is necessary and registration is limited to 40 participants.

Participants will have the chance to take part in many hands-on activities, from exploring electric motors and secret codes to learning how to track the source of an epidemic. The day will be spent in the company of scientists, science students and other equally driven young women.

"The specific mission of Super Saturday Science is to kindle the interest of young girls in science," said Nancy Carpenter, UMM professor of chemistry and event coordinator. "Numerous studies have shown that women in many science fields are underrepresented and programs nationwide exist to address this shortage in the pipeline. We offer fun, hands-on activities to help young girls see that science can be fun, and that they, too, can do science."

This is the fifth year that UMM has hosted Super Saturday Science. Presenters for the event are Assistant Professor of Computer Science Kristin Lamberty, Professor of Biology Van Gooch, Assistant Professor of Physics Len Keeler, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Jennifer A. Goodnough, Campus Sustainability Coordinator Troy Goodnough, Assistant Professor of Physics Sylke Boyd and Assistant Professor of Biology Timna Wyckoff, all UMM faculty.

Facilitators for Super Saturday Science will be students from the affiliate of the American Chemical Society, the Biology Club, the Physics Club and the Geology Club, all UMM student organizations.

Super Saturday Science is sponsored by the UMM Division of Science and Mathematics, West Central Research and Outreach Center, North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory, USDA-ARS, Minnesota Section of the American Chemical Society, Center for Small Towns and the University of Minnesota, Morris.

All activities will be held in the UMM Science Building. Free parking is available. For more information or to register, call Nancy Carpenter at (320) 589-6337 or Sharon Papiernik, USDA-ARS, at (320) 589-3411.

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