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Summary:

(September 28, 2004)-Science is cool! Does your daughter know it?

The University of Minnesota, Morris will again host "Super Saturday Science," a program aimed at encouraging girls' interest in science. Super Saturday Science will give girls in grades five and six a chance to explore science with professional scientists.

Super Saturday Science will take place Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at the new Science Building on the UMM campus. Girls will participate in a wide variety of hands-on science experiments, meet other girls who like science, and work with scientists and science students.

This marks the third year for Super Saturday Science. Last year's event was very successful, with 42 girls from the west central Minnesota region participating. New activities for 2004 include an all new "CSI: Morris," making a paper clip motor and exploring Bernoulli's effect, among others.

Presenters for Super Saturday Science are laboratory technician Mel Bossert of the USDA-ARS North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory in Morris and chemists Nancy Carpenter and Jennifer Ropp, biologists Van Gooch and Timna Wyckoff, mathematician Peh Ng and physicists Kristin Kearns and Len Keeler of UMM. Students from UMM's American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Chapter, Tri-Beta Biology Club and Physics Club will also help facilitate.

To register for Super Saturday Science, you can download the registration form from the Super Saturday Science web site at <http://www.mrs.umn.edu/satsci>, or call Sharon Papiernik, USDA-ARS North Central Soil Research Conservation Lab, 320-589-3411. Registration forms can also be obtained from your daughter's science teacher. There is a \$6 (or 2 for \$10) registration fee. Scholarships are available for those unable to pay the fee. The deadline for registering is October 8.

This program is sponsored by the University of Minnesota, Morris, Division of Science and Mathematics West Central Research and Outreach Center USDA-ARS North Central Soil Conservation Research Laboratory Minnesota Section of the American Chemical Society Morris Area Women of Today the Morris Lions Club the Morris Kiwanis Club and the Center for Small Towns.

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