

Fact sheet



North Jersey Section, American Chemical Society

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National Chemistry Week, Oct. 16-22, 2011

National Chemistry Week is an annual community outreach program hosted by the North Jersey section of the American Chemical Society, the world's largest scientific society. It is designed to show how chemistry supports everyone and contributes to our quality of life and the nation's economy. National Chemistry Week is celebrated throughout the country by all 187 local sections of the American Chemical Society. National Chemistry Week began as National Chemistry Day in 1987 and was expanded to a week-long celebration in 1989.

National Chemistry Week is being celebrated during the International Year of Chemistry. The theme for this year's National Chemistry Week is "Chemistry – Our Health, Our Future!" The activities that are planned will demonstrate concepts in chemistry that are related to nutrition, hygiene, and health. More information about National Chemistry Week is available at www.acs.org/ncw.

Varied activities are held during National Chemistry Week, including many hands-on science experiments designed for children. All experiments and other activities are conducted and supervised by chemists, with safety and learning as the top priorities. Other activities include our yearly celebration at Liberty Science Center in Jersey City.

The American Chemical Society was established in 1876 and today is the world's largest scientific society with a membership of more than 163,000 chemists and chemical engineers. It is a non-profit organization chartered by the U.S. Congress to help foster the public welfare and education and add to the material prosperity and happiness of our people. The American Chemical Society publishes scientific journals and databases, sponsors major research conferences, and provides numerous resource materials for chemistry teachers and students. Its main offices are in Washington, D.C., and Columbus, Ohio.

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