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USI bringing chemistry to elementary classrooms

University of Southern Indiana students and faculty will conduct hands-on experiments in area fourth-grade classrooms Monday, November 5, through Friday, November 9, in conjunction with the celebration of National Chemistry Week.

The USI group plans to make roughly 15 presentations. A partial itinerary (date, time, school, and classroom teacher) follows:

- **Monday, November 5** - 9:30 a.m. to noon, **Cynthia Heights**, Pat Boyle
- **Tuesday, November 6** - 8 to 10 a.m., **Culver**, Betsy Suenram
- **Wednesday, November 7** - 10:10 to 10:50 a.m., **Stockwell**, Lisa Harris
- **Thursday, November 8** - 12:45 to 2 p.m., **Stringtown**, Charlotte Monconduit
- **Friday, November 9** - 12:15 to 2 p.m., **Daniel Wertz**, Acacia Peak

Additional National Chemistry Week events are planned on the USI campus. They include:

■ **Wednesday, November 7** - USI's American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Chapter and the University's Art Club plan to celebrate this year's National Chemistry Week theme - "Chemistry and Art" - by painting with egg paint and glazing pottery with consumer products from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Rice Plaza, outside the University Center.

■ **Friday, November 9** - USI chemistry faculty and students will work with roughly 100 area Girl Scouts earning merit badges during a National Chemistry Week Overnight, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Science Center. The event also will include demonstrations, career talks, and science movies. The overnight is by-invitation-only, but the media is invited to attend.

National Chemistry Week, an outreach program of the American Chemical Society (ACS), is aimed at enhancing the public's awareness of chemistry's contributions to everyday life and the nation's economy. ACS is the world's largest scientific organization with a membership of more than 170,000 chemists and chemical engineers worldwide.