**National Chemistry Week, October 22-28, 2017**

National Chemistry Week is an annual community outreach program hosted by the Kansas State University 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 189 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.

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. Activities include a public event at the Manhattan Town Center on Saturday October 28 from 11:00am-3:00pm. At the Manhattan Town Center, Alpha Chi Sigma, the professional chemistry fraternity, will be presenting chemistry “magic shows” at 11:00am, 1:00pm, and 3:00pm. There will also be hands-on activities for kids including making gluep, paper chromatography, and chemistry tattoos.

The American Chemical Society was established in 1876 and today is the world’s largest scientific society with a membership of more than 154,000 chemists and chemical engineers. It is a non-profit organization charted 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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