

National Chemistry Week Activities of the Northeast Wisconsin Section in 2018

Oshkosh Area:

1. Sponsored NCW poetry contest. People in other parts of the section helped publicize it so that we had entries from locations outside of Oshkosh. Entries: 3- 5 (6), 6 - 8 (1), 9 - 12 (1). We had one entry in French. The students from the UW Oshkosh Chemistry Club helped choose the winner in the 3 - 5 group. The other single entries were the winners by default. We contacted the winners and most requested the Chemistry Club Cookbook as their prize. The winning entries will be forwarded to the National competition.
2. Sponsored 2 hours of hands on activities (most aligned with examples in the Celebrating Chemistry magazine) at the Oshkosh Public Library on Sunday, October 21, 2018. Three student members of the UW Oshkosh Chemistry Club and three UW Oshkosh staff worked at the event. About 20 children attended the event, most with more than one adult. Despite advertising in local papers and some publicity at the Library, most attendees just happened to be at the library.
3. Distributed the Celebrating Chemistry magazine to five elementary and middle schools in the Oshkosh area.

Fond du Lac Area (1 volunteer):

1. Distributed Celebrating Chemistry magazines to a daycare.
2. Distributed Celebrating Chemistry magazines to the local children's museum.
3. Distributed Celebrating Chemistry magazines on the Marion University Campus.

Manitowoc Area (1 volunteer):

1. Hosted a 45 min hands-on science activity in Mrs. Kathy Pabian's Kindergarten classroom at St. Francis of Assisi School. Sixteen students were involved in the activity. The UV beads activity listed in the ACS materials was added to by testing other UV-blocking materials such as sunscreen, UV filtering clothes, and umbrellas.
2. NCW activities with a 29 student General Chemistry 1 class at UW Manitowoc. Included extra demos, chemistry guessing games with prizes, wearing funny T-shirts, etc.