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MEDIA ADVISORY

Celebrating *Science in the Sun*, the St. Petersburg Science Festival is Back!
The 4th annual event takes place Oct. 18 and is FREE to the public

The fourth annual [St. Petersburg Science Festival](#), featuring more than 90 hands-on interactive exhibits, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The **FREE** festival will be held at USF St. Petersburg and [Poynter Park](#) along the Bayboro Waterfront.

Everyone is invited to come out and tap into their inner scientist! The event features plenty of interactive science, robotics, native creatures and the opportunity to meet world renowned scientists working right here in St. Pete!

Held in conjunction with MarineQuest, the community celebration will kick off at 10 a.m. with a round of Science Jeopardy in Poynter Park with community leaders. The first 300 attendees will receive some free Science Festival swag!

Food and beverages will be available for purchase with a range of vendors delivering a taste of St. Pete. Last year's combined event drew more than 25,000 people.

The festival also holds a sneak peek exclusively for school children Friday, Oct. 17 beginning at 9 a.m. More than 1,000 area students are getting a first look at a smaller version of the Saturday event. **Media are invited to attend both events.

To learn more about the festival please visit <http://www.stpetescifest.org/> and/or follow us on Facebook/ <https://www.facebook.com/pages/St-Petersburg-Science-Festival/133812573354577>

About the St. Petersburg Science Festival

The St. Petersburg Science Festival is the largest community celebration of science in the Southeast, and was developed to increase public awareness of the importance of science and to encourage youth to develop a passion for science and engineering by celebrating science as we celebrate sports, music, and the arts. The St. Petersburg Science Festival is a grassroots collaboration of more than 60 leading university departments, government agencies, and private partners, many of whom are part of the St. Petersburg Ocean Team, a consortium of research organizations that employ more than 1,400 marine scientists in St. Petersburg, Florida.

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