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## **Science savvy students prepare for Youth Science Month** *BC students vie for a chance at the Canada-Wide Science Fair*

**VANCOUVER, BC:** The Provincial government has declared March as “Youth Science Month.” British Columbia’s future leaders of science and innovation are preparing to showcase their own creative science concepts and theories province-wide this March. With the support from the Science Fair Foundation of BC, communities from six regions of the province will hold local science fairs from March 3-8, where scientists in Grades 7-12 will compete for the ultimate chance to represent their region at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, held in Ottawa on May 10 - 18, 2008.

“Their ideas are fresh and entertaining, their methods of delivery are colourful, and their overall style is sometimes off-the-wall; but make no mistake—the science behind these projects is sound,” says Patti Leigh, Executive Director, Science Fair Foundation of BC. “Science fairs are a first step in securing a science-literate culture of critical thought in our province, and this year’s inventive offerings assure us that we’re well on our way.”

Eye-catching project titles include: “A Fluffy Situation” (shampoo testing); “Make That Apple Last” (testing citrus juice as a preservative); and “To Dye or Not To Dye” (testing the strength of dyed hair versus natural hair).

“The chance to travel to Ottawa and take part in such a significant event as the Canada-Wide Science Fair is a great motivator for many participants,” explains Leigh. “But Science Fairs are certainly more than just competition among students; they are a forum for thought, analysis and inspiration for the community at-large.”

Scheduled regional science fairs include:

CENTRAL OKANAGAN  
SUMMERLAND

March 3, 2008  
UBC Okanagan, Kelowna

FRASER VALLEY  
ABBOTSFORD

March 3 – 5, 2008  
Sevensoaks Shopping Centre

PACIFIC NORTHWEST  
BULKLEY VALLEY

March 5 – 6, 2008  
Muheim Elementary School

WEST KOOTENAY & BOUNDARY  
CASTLEGAR

March 8, 2008  
Selkirk College

CENTRAL INTERIOR  
PRINCE GEORGE

March 8, 2008  
University of Northern BC

EAST KOOTENAY  
CRANBROOK / CRESTON

March 8, 2008  
College of the Rockies



**All media are invited to attend these highly visual, highly energetic events.**

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*British Columbia regional science fairs are supported by the Science Fair Foundation of British Columbia, a non-profit organization whose vision is to sustain and enhance the science culture of the youth of British Columbia.*