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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

### **Celebrating 5 Years of Science in the Sun**

*The St. Petersburg Science Festival is Back Oct. 17 and **FREE** to the public*

Fighting robots, a tiny shark, MAD scientists, a sea turtle hurdle, a life size right whale calf and looking at cool stuff under microscopes and through telescopes is what makes our science so much fun!

The fifth annual [St. Petersburg Science Festival](http://www.stpetescifest.org/), featuring more than 100 hands-on interactive activities, will take place on **Saturday, Oct. 17**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The **FREE** festival, held in conjunction with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's MarineQuest event, takes place at USF St. Petersburg along the Bayboro Waterfront.

Guests not only get to tap into their inner scientist, but have the opportunity to meet and interact with some of the more than 1,400 world renowned scientists working in the St. Petersburg science corridor.

*So much to see, so little time*, foodies and science junkies need not worry - you won't go hungry! Half a dozen of the areas best food trucks will be on-site featuring delicious menu items like BBQ, seafood, Asian and Mediterranean fare.

The festival also hosts a sneak peek exclusively for school children **Friday, Oct. 16** 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>

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**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.

**PHOTO GALLERY**



