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## Science experiment workshop for Berks-Lehigh Educators on tap for National Chemistry Week

A hands-on science experiment workshop for teachers is one of many activities planned for area residents during this year's celebration of National Chemistry Week, Oct. 18-25. This year's theme is "The Sweet Side of Chemistry—Candy!" The annual event is an outreach program hosted by the Penn State Berks Chapter of the American Chemical Society; and is co-sponsored this year by Brenntag North America, Reading, PA and the Chemical Education Foundation, Washington, D.C.

The workshop, the *You Be the Chemist*® (YBTC) Essential Elements Professional Development Program, on Saturday, October 18, 2014 at 12:00 pm, is designed to assist K–8 educators in teaching chemistry concepts through hands-on learning and connecting those concepts to students' everyday lives. The workshop is FREE to Berks - Lehigh Area educators and highlights experiments that will prepare students intending to compete in both the Berks County YBTC Challenge® on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Penn State Berks.

Details on other events, including a free, open to the public, National Chemistry Week Celebration, and Illustrated Poetry Contest for K-12 students, will be published in the coming weeks. More information about this year's nationwide observance of National Chemistry Week as well as the YBTC Challenge® are available at [www.acs.org/ncw](http://www.acs.org/ncw) and [www.chemed.org](http://www.chemed.org).

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