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Yukon youth highlighted during Mining and Geology Week

WHITEHORSE – Yukon Mining and Geology Week starts today. The annual event provides opportunities for school students and Yukoners of all ages to gain a better understanding about minerals, mining and geology.

"Yukon Mining and Geology Week events and activities help us gain further awareness about how the industry contributes to our everyday lives and to the objects around us," Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Patrick Rouble said.

Michael Wark, the Yukon Chamber of Mines executive director added: "We are pleased to work again this year with the Yukon government to help Yukoners of all ages to learn a little more about minerals and mining as well as the benefits of responsible and sustainable mineral development in Yukon."

A Yukon youth-made video will also be featured during Mining and Geology Week. The short video, Green Fireworks, recently received "best overall" in the WHERE Challenge. The national contest asks youth, aged 10 to 14, to identify the non-renewable resources in a favorite object and creatively explain where the non-renewable resources are found.

"This year we are also pleased to recognize the work of two Whitehorse Elementary School students, Leif Blake and Michael Kishchuck, for building awareness on the role of minerals in our daily lives through their Green Fireworks video," Rouble added.

The Government of Yukon and the Yukon Chamber of Mines are organizing contests, displays and activities in Whitehorse, Carcross and Teslin. This year's events include:

- displays, activities and chances to win prizes while learning more about glaciers, glacier deposits and operating mines in Yukon. This event runs May 10 to 14 at the Elijah Smith Building on Main Street, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- evening lectures on Great Lakes and Catastrophic Floods, and Glaciers on the Go, by members of the Yukon Geological Survey branch. Lectures start at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12 at the MacBride Museum.
- a field trip on Thursday, May 13 will examine glacial and post glacial features. Geological Survey of Canada will meet participants at the Whitehorse Fish Ladder at 6:30 p.m.
- fun and activities for students in Carcross on Monday, May 10 and Teslin on Wednesday, May 12.
- Yukon-wide poster and colouring contests for all ages.

For more information about Yukon Mining and Geology Week activities visit <http://www.geology.gov.yk.ca/>, call 867-667-3201 or call toll-free from communities at 1-800-661-0408, extension 3201.

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