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Mining and Geology Week Highlights Gold Mining in Yukon

WHITEHORSE – Gold mining is the focus of this year's Mining and Geology Week, May 11 to 17.

"Gold and gold mining are woven into the fabric of our economy, culture and history," Energy, Mines and Resources Minister Brad Cathers said. "Mining and Geology Week provides opportunities to learn about this important Yukon industry that contributes over \$50 million each year to the economy."

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

- Posters, displays and activities all week from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Elijah Smith Building located at 300 Main Street in Whitehorse, to highlight minerals, the importance of maps and geological mapping, and chances to win prizes.
- Fun and activities for children during school visits in Carmacks on May 13, and Dawson City on May 14, to include gold panning, mapping projects, making gold flake business cards, rock kits, and soapstone carving.
- A Yukon wide "Mining Awareness" contest for all ages. Prizes include gold nuggets, an iPod®, a compass, a GPS unit and more.
- A Yukon-wide coloring contest with prizes for children age eight and under.

"The Yukon Chamber of Mines is pleased to work with the Yukon government on this year's celebration of Mining and Geology Week," Yukon Chamber of Mines President Carl Schulze said. "It is a wonderful opportunity for Yukoners of all ages to have fun while learning about minerals and mining as well as the benefits of responsible and sustainable mineral development in Yukon."

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