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Minneapolis, MN – The Bakken Museum is celebrating 40 years of inspiring a passion for science with this year's Best Days of The Bakken! From July 21st through July 25th, visitors will enjoy **free admission** from 10am to 5pm and a bounty of fantastic programming from 11am to 3pm! Each day will focus on a different aspect of **STEAM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math), to further the community's interest in these important subjects.

Daily programming will include events for a variety of ages and interests. Each day will feature an exciting character, from Ben Franklin to Frankenstein's Monster (who is surprisingly friendly)! We will also have a superb storyteller, Victoria Barlow, who will be telling themed stories all day long! For our younger visitors, we will have sensory bins for them to explore their world in a new, exciting way. Each day will have fun giveaways, such as collectable science buttons, lightning posters and scientists on a stick!

For a complete schedule, please visit TheBakken.org/Best-Days.

Tuesday, July 21st is Science Day! Here, visitors will explore various types of science including rocket science, wind power, static, and space! Visitors can take a trip across the universe with The Bell Museum's Exploradome and their space presentation. They can also launch rockets and learn about propulsion and aerodynamics with volunteer rocket scientists, learn to harness the power of the wind by making their own turbine and check out a robotics demo from the students of the Southwest Robotics team!

Wednesday, July 22nd is Technology Day! Visitors will get to learn how science and technology come together to improve our lives while exploring what is on the horizon. Guests will receive an activity passport from Seagate and explore the world inside computers, visiting 10 exciting, hands-on stations to explain what makes your computer do all the cool things it does. There will be a performance about nanoscience and how little things have a big impact. Visitors will also make a LEGO® robot and learn about how far robotic technology has come. Our community partner for Technology Day is Seagate.

Thursday, July 23th is Engineering Day! Inspire your inner engineer to create something amazing! Boston Scientific will be here showing us medical engineering marvels through hands-on demos. Visitors can also play an exciting game to learn about

how the human body reacts to exercise, work with the Society of Women Engineers to make a “magic” wand and the 3M Visiting Wizards will be showing off more engineering magic, too! Community partners include Boston Scientific, Society of Women Engineers, and the 3M Visiting Wizards.

Friday, July 24th is Art Day! Science and art differ in many ways, but combine magnificently! Explore our Great Hall exhibit, *Drawn From Nature*, where the science of nature is beautifully depicted, and then make some of your own botanical art! The Kitchen Pantry Scientist will be joining us to demonstrate the science behind the culinary arts while visitors will make their own prints, and make an artistic squishy circuit to electrify your masterpiece! Our resident photographer, Bruce Challgren will be on hand to talk about his incredible lightning images! Face painting and tours in the garden will also be offered (weather permitting). Our community partners include the Minnesota School of Botanical Art and the Kitchen Pantry Scientist.

Saturday, July 25th is Math Day! Mathematics is the foundation of STEAM, and we’re making math and numbers fun! Pollinate Minnesota will talk about bee habitats and explain why bees are nature’s mathematicians. Visit the workshop to explore angle’s and make an exciting marble run, create tangrams, fractals, contribute to a potentially infinite Pi Chain and learn to speak computer with Abamath in the classrooms. In addition, Patrick Henry High School’s Herobotics team (robots) will demo their robots! Our community partners are Pollinate Minnesota, Abamath and Patrick Henry’s Herobotics Team.

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Interested in volunteering for this spectacular event? Contact John Pawloski at Pawloski@TheBakken.org.

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The Bakken Museum inspires a passion for science and its potential for social good by helping people explore the history and nature of electricity and magnetism. The Bakken was founded in 1975 by Earl E. Bakken, who invented the first wearable, battery-powered, transistorized cardiac pacemaker. The Bakken features The Florence Bakken Medicinal Garden, a world-renowned collection of books and artifacts and multiple galleries focusing on the wonders of electricity.

The Bakken Museum is located in an intriguing mansion at the corner of West Calhoun Parkway and 36th Street on the west shore of Lake Calhoun. For more information, visit TheBakken.org or call (612) 926-3878.

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