

National Chemistry Week 2026

THEME: CHEMISTRY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Pittsburgh wasn't built by steel alone—it was built by chemistry. From metallurgy and glass to polymers, coatings, and modern construction materials, chemistry has shaped our region for generations. Help us celebrate that legacy during National Chemistry Week 2026 by volunteering for *Chemistry Under Construction* and inspiring future scientists through hands-on activities and demonstrations.

In partnership with the Kamin Science Center (KSC), the ACS Pittsburg Local Section is excited to offer the following NCW 2026 events. All events will be held on site at the KSC.

Use the link to volunteer for these events or to request more information: [NCW 2026 Preliminary Volunteering & Information Survey – Fill out form](#)

1. Café Science

A presentation on chemistry and construction from one of our own Local Section officers. More details coming soon!

When: Tuesday, September 8th (Time of event TBA)

Participation Opportunity: Attend

Learn more general information about this event: <https://kaminsciencecenter.org/events/cafe-sci/>

2. ChemFest

Our traditional tabling event aligned with the NCW theme.

When: Saturday, October 17th and 24th 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Participation Opportunity: Design and host a table demonstration or serve as a general volunteer. Clearances are required. 7-8 tables per Saturday and up to 35 volunteers may be needed.

3. Teen Night

Showcasing hands on chemistry activities related to the NCW theme at the Science Center's monthly teen-focused event.

When: Thursday, October 22nd 4:00 – 8:00 pm

Participation Opportunity: Serve as a general volunteer; up to 5 volunteers are needed. Clearances are required.

Learn more general information about this event: <https://kaminsciencecenter.org/events/teen-nights/>

4. 21+ Night

Share chemistry related to the NCW theme at this fun adults-only event.

When: Friday, November 6th 6:00 – 10:00 pm

Participation Opportunity: Serve as a general volunteer; up to 10 volunteers are needed. Volunteers must be 21 or over.

Learn more general information about this event: <https://kaminsciencecenter.org/events/21-plus-nights/>