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Year of Science in BC

The Government of British Columbia has declared the 2010/11 school year, the “Year of Science.” The purpose of the Year of Science is to ignite interest in science, generate partnerships across the province and lay a foundation to encourage interest and involvement in science and technology across British Columbia. The three primary objectives of the Year of Science are to:

- increase awareness and interest in the importance of science among British Columbians;
- increase the number of new entrants to the British Columbia labour force with science and technology related skills and knowledge; and,
- understand the issues facing British Columbia in building science capacity and develop an action plan to address these issues

Contest:

To help get British Columbia’s youth, more interested in science, we are running the contest “*Choose Science. Go Far. Win Big*”. The Year of Science is inviting kids to use their imagination, creativity and scientific know-how, and submit great ideas for experiments that can prove or disprove some of the world’s greatest myths and mysteries.

Every month an entrant will win a science-related prize package valued at approximately \$250 and, at the finale of the Year of Science in June 2011, a \$25,000 scholarship will be awarded to one of the monthly winners. Please visit the Year of Science [YouTube page](#) to enter now!