



Sault College News Release

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Bridges Get Crushed April 24

(Sault Ste. Marie, ON April 20, 2010) Bridges will “Get Crushed” as participants compete in Sault College’s 21st annual Bridge Building contest to be held Saturday April 24 in the Multimedia Centre. Grade 5/6 category testing will begin at 10:30am. Students may register their bridges by bringing them to room J1107 on Thursday, April 22 from 3:30pm to 8:00pm.

625 balsa wood bridge kits were sold to high school and elementary school students and approximately 200 entries are anticipated. The College sold out of bridge kits in record time as the popularity of the event continues to grow.

“Bridge building is a fun and informative way of introducing youth to the world of civil engineering,” says Tanya Running, Bridge Building committee member and Sault College student recruitment officer. “Many of the local schools have incorporated this contest into their bridges and structures curriculum”. Civil and Architectural engineers from the community will judge the construction of each bridge for aesthetics and structural ability. The bridges are then scored during a process of being crushed to test their strength. A load is applied to the top centre of the bridge and weight is applied until the bridge is ultimately crushed.

Cash prizes will be awarded to contest winners. First place winners in each category will receive \$100. In addition, winners over the age of thirteen will be invited to take a walk on the top arch of the International Bridge. \$75 will be awarded to each second place winner and \$50

to third place winners. An awards ceremony will take place Thursday May 6th at 4:00pm in the Multimedia center to celebrate the achievements of the winners.

This year's sponsors include the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), Professional Engineers Ontario, Algoma Chapter (PEO), Rotary Club North and OACETT – Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists, School College Work Initiative (SCWI) and the International Bridge Administration.

Chartwells cafeteria on campus will be open for service on the day of the event. The Bridge Building event is open to the general public.

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