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**ROCK WITH US! CELEBRATE YUKON MINING & GEOLOGY WEEK, MAY 23-27**

WHITEHORSE – Celebrate Yukon’s annual Mining and Geology Week, May 23-27.

“This event raises awareness of the important roles mining and geology play in our everyday lives,” Energy, Mines and Resources (EMR) Minister Archie Lang said. “It focuses attention on the many positive ways mining and geology influence our history, culture and economy.”

The Yukon government, Yukon Chamber of Mines and Klondike Placer Miners’ Association are organizing contests and family and school activities in Dawson City, Watson Lake and Whitehorse, with prizes sponsored by local businesses.

Minister Lang and Premier Fentie will be in Dawson City this weekend to attend the International Gold Show, which kicks off Mining and Geology Week

Contest details and information are available at [www.yukonmining.com](http://www.yukonmining.com).

Attachment: Contests and Activities

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**CELBRATE YUKON MINING AND GEOLOGY WEEK!**  
**May 23-27, 2006**

**Dawson City**

Recreation Centre

9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fri., May 19 – Sat., May 20

- International Gold Show
- Coloring Contest
- KPMA Community Scavenger Hunt
- A Visit from Sparky the Dog
- Kiddie "Strike it Rich" Sandbox

**Watson Lake**

Visitor Information Centre

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tues., May 23 - Sat., May 27

- Release of Watson Lake geology pamphlet developed by school students
- Gold panning
- Soapstone carving
- Mock field camp
- Mapping exercise
- Rock and mineral displays

**Whitehorse**

Elijah Smith Building foyer

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tues., May 23 - Sat., May 27

- Crafts
- Mock field camp
- Rock and mineral displays
- Rock cycle demonstrations
- Videos on plate tectonics and glacial events
- Contest poster displays

**Sponsors:**

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YGC Resources Ltd.  
Yukon Chamber of Mines  
Yukon Engineering Services  
Yukon Geological Survey

**Contests** with prizes sponsored by local businesses:

- The Mining Awareness Model / Poster Contest on modern mining or current uses of rocks and minerals. Prizes include an internet satellite system, ipod's, digital camera's, metal detectors, GPS units. Entries can be viewed and judged by the public at the Elijah Smith Building on Main Street, Whitehorse.
- Radio Trivia Contests, on CBC, CHON FM and CKRW The Rush, where callers must answer a skill testing question to enter to win a helicopter ride over an exploration camp.
- Colouring Contest for children aged 8 and under with a \$50 cash prize.

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