



On behalf of the **Eastern New York Chapter** of the **American Chemical Society**, I would like to extend an invitation to you and your students to celebrate

National Chemistry Week October 19-25, 2008

"HAVING A BALL WITH CHEMISTRY"

There are several ways you can get your students involved in this great learning event!

Classroom

It was an OLYMPIC year! Use the Olympic games as a jump-off point for discussions. How has sporting equipment changed from the first Olympic games to present day? Work to understand materials, design and safety improvements in sports and sporting equipment made possible through chemistry.

Have your own "Chemistry Olympics" with hands-on activities combined with stations for questions or other challenges.

Combine forces with your athletic departments for hands-on testing of scientific principles.

National Chemistry Day and Poster Competition

We would also like to invite your students to attend National Chemistry Day at the New York State Museum on **Sunday October 19, 2008** from **10am-4pm**. There will be hands-on experiments and interactive demonstrations from many colleges, companies, and laboratories. The Chemistry Magic Show is a highlight of the day!

We want to encourage any students from K-12th grade to participate in the Student Poster Competition. The First Prize in each category will compete nationally! Please see the attached flyer for more information. If you could print and display them in your classrooms, that would be appreciated!

Community

National Chemistry Week volunteers will be teaming up with the **Albany River Rats** Hockey team with a special display of booths representing chemistry in action! Please come and enjoy this special event at the Times Union Center on Saturday, October 25th at 1pm.

Please contact our local National Chemistry Week Chair, Sunanda Sukumar at sukumars@acp.edu with any additional questions.