**Festival Dates:**

 April 8-24, 2016

**Number of Events:**

* General public events, 450 events
* Other events (participation limited -- for example, a school-based Festival event might be specifically for that school's students, parents and teachers), 200 events
* TOTAL events, 650 events

**Participating Counties:**

* General public events, 66 counties
* Other events, 88 counties
* TOTAL events, 99 counties

**Distinctions:**

* First statewide science festival in the United States (2010)
* First statewide star party in the United States (2013)
* First endowment gift for a statewide science festival in the United States (2015)
* More than 1,000,000 participants since its inception (2015)

**Presenting Sponsor:**

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