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Scientific excursions aboard MTU's research vessel *Agassiz* to discover 'How scientists investigate the health of the Great Lakes?' at Strawberry Festival, 12:30-6 pm, Saturday, July 13 at Chassell Marina
Make reservation online or by calling 906-487-3341.

'How do scientists investigate the health of Lake Superior' is the focus of FREE scientific excursions that will be offered at the Strawberry Festival from **1-6 pm, Saturday, July 13, departing from the Chassell marina.**

The public is invited to sign up for a FREE 45-minute scientific excursion aboard Michigan Tech's research vessel *Agassiz* on July 13th, by calling the Michigan Tech Center for Science & Environmental Outreach at 906-487-3341 or coming to the Chassell Marina dock on Saturday from 12:30 to 5 pm, to get on the list. Spaces go quickly. Each excursion has room for 18 participants. Half of the available spaces will be saved for onsite participants.

On each scientific excursion, Dr. Cory McDonald, a Michigan Tech scientist in the Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering, will show how data is collected on water clarity, temperature, and turbidity and explain how that tells us about the health of the lake-- and Chassell Bay. Dr. McDonald will explain the link between land uses and the health of the Great Lakes.

Space is limited to 18 persons per excursion (children must be at least 7 years of age and be accompanied by an adult). Life jackets are available for all passengers. *All must wear closed toe shoes.*

"Copper Country residents and visitors are encouraged to learn how scientists study the Great Lakes and which measurements indicate a healthy lake," explains Joan Chadde, director of the **Center for Science & Environmental Outreach**, who has coordinated this program as part of Strawberry Festival **since 2006.**

"These scientific excursions for the public have been extremely popular. Youth and adults enjoy the opportunity to interact with Great Lakes scientists and get their questions answered," adds Chadde.

The event is funded by the **GM Ride the Waves Program** which puts 600 Copper Country youth and adults on the water each year to learn about the health of the Great Lakes and Lake Superior, and to promote STEM careers. Financial support for the *Agassiz* at the Strawberry Festival is also provided by the Chassell Lions Club.

Use this [link](#) to sign up for the scientific excursions aboard the *Agassiz* on July 13th at the 2019 Strawberry Festival or go to the Center's webpage: <https://blogs.mtu.edu/cseo/> or call the Center at: (906) 487-3341.

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