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NEWS

ACS ChemClubs Join Blogosphere

“Exploding watermelons.” “We bedazzled goggles.” “Ghost pennies.” Each of these phrases was the answer to a survey question asking ChemClub student members and advisors to describe one of the best activities they did during the 2011–2012 school year. Each phrase is a short answer they typed into a box with limited space during the online survey. But when someone reads these answers, he or she may ask, “How did they do that? Could other ChemClubs do it, too?”

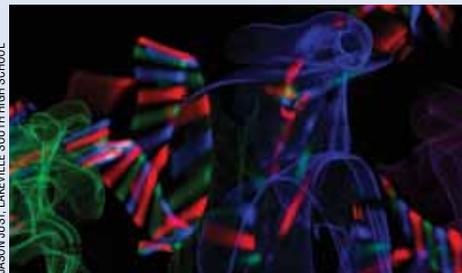
With more than **500 ChemClubs in the United States and abroad**, there are lots of cool things going on. But ChemClubs have not been able to share the details of what they are doing—until now. The ChemClub program, which is managed by the **American Chemical Society**, recently launched a blog at: <http://acschemclubs.org/>, so ChemClubs can now send in photos, videos, and descriptions of their favorite activities.



KATHERINE ATKINSON, PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Plenty of hands take advantage of the exfoliating and moisturizing properties of a sugar scrub created by ChemClub members of the Prince of Peace Catholic School in Clinton, Iowa, during a Mole Day Hand Spa.

For example, the ChemClub at **Prince of Peace Catholic School in Clinton, Iowa**, shared photos and information about their Mole Day celebration. They explain that the high school science classes help mix up big batches of sugar scrub and host elementary and middle school students for a mini chemistry lesson and hand-washing spa. Want the recipe to try yourself? Visit the blog!



JASON JUST, LAKEVILLE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL

ChemClub members from Lakeville South High School in Lakeville, Minn., do a glow stick dance during their science demonstration show.

Lakeville South High School in Lakeville, Minn., posted information about a demo show extravaganza, titled “Is it Science or Is it Magic?” Part of the post reads: “From explosions to walking on water, the Lakeville South science show has it all! We get to take a day off from our normal classes and have fun with each other showing off our awesome science skills.”

More news and photos continue to be posted to the blog, including a holiday celebration dinner hosted by a ChemClub that formed this school year and how three **ChemClubs already raised more than \$400**

for the Coins for Cleaner Water project, which was mentioned in the February 2013 issue of *ChemMatters*. Visit <http://acschemclubs.org/> to find out what's going on with ChemClubs!

—Erica K. Jacobsen



LINDA BARTROM-OLSEN, VILLA PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Members of a ChemClub in Villa Park, Calif., one of the newest ChemClubs, meet at a holiday celebration dinner.