

APEGBC Central Interior Branch 9th Annual Ultimate Popsicle Bridge Building Competition Results

The Central Interior Branch held its Ninth Annual Ultimate Popsicle Bridge Building Competition on Saturday, March 4, 2006. The location was Exploration Place, a local museum that helped the local branch with advertising and provision of space for the event. Contestants were placed into four categories: Elementary, Secondary, Adult and Open. The Open Category was meant for those who had previous experience in popsicle bridge building. This was done to encourage participation from members of the general public who might have been otherwise intimidated in entering against engineers and technologists. A special congratulations to Ayla Mankwald whose entry in the Secondary Category beat all bridges including the Open Category entries with a load of 631 lbs.

The Elementary Category had the most entrants with a variety of designs. More work and encouragement is needed in future competitions to increase the participation in the Secondary Category. The third place cash prize went unclaimed.

Judges included staff from Exploration Place as well as APEGBC Executives and a local radio celebrity, Jessica from 101.3 FM "The River."

Engineering students from the Environmental Engineering program at the University of Northern BC also participated in the event with an information booth.

Overall results are shown below:

Elementary Winners		
1st Place	Steven Mankwald	249 lbs
2nd Place	Noah Williams	194 lbs
3rd Place	Reid Williams	186 lbs
Aesthetics Winner	Emma Bailey	

Secondary Winners		
1st Place	Ayla Mankwald	631 lbs
2nd Place	Benjamin Cheung	70 lbs
Aesthetics Winner	Ayla Mankwald	

Adult Winners		
1st Place	Dylan Carter/ Anthony Giannotti	159 lbs
2nd Place	Dan Bellavacne	7 lbs
Aesthetics Winner	Dan Bellavance	

Open Winners		
1st Place	Don Williams	610 lbs
2nd Place	Nick Mankwald	232 lbs
3rd Place	Emily Cheung	20 lbs
Aesthetics Winner	Emily Cheung	