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**March is “Nano Month” at the Sciencenter**

ITHACA, Mar. 7, 2012 – Gear up for some big fun with the world’s smallest science at the Sciencenter during the month of March. To celebrate all things nano, the Sciencenter is featuring a new exhibition on nanotechnology, and will once again be inviting the community to its annual NanoDays celebration at the end of the month.

Right now at the Sciencenter, visitors are invited to explore *Nano: The New Mini-Exhibition*, which opened at the Sciencenter on March 6. Through a collection of interactive exhibits you can discover a world you can’t see and learn about how nanotechnology is already all around us. *Nano* provides opportunity to also consider the societal and ethical implications of advances in this emerging field.

Later this month, the entire community is invited to participate in “NanoDays: The Biggest Event for the Smallest Science.” NanoDays is a free two-day community celebration of nanoscience, nanotechnology and nanoengineering hosted by the Sciencenter and Cornell University. The Sciencenter is a lead participant in and the content developer for the NSF-sponsored Nanoscale Informal Science Education (NISE) Network that brings NanoDays to over 100 museums across the US each March.

NanoDays at the Sciencenter is Saturday, March 31, noon-4 pm. Developed for family audiences, museum visitors are invited to explore the amazing world of nanoscale science and technology at stations throughout the museum offering over twenty special hands-on activities. The event also includes a special presentation at 2 pm about 3D images at the nanoscale.

NanoDays at Cornell University is Sunday, April 1, noon – 4 pm. Geared toward families with older children, teens and adults, this event brings visitors inside the world of nanoscientists and the technologies they advance. Activities include: lectures, hands-on programs, learning labs, and tours of the Cornell NanoScale Science & Technology Facility. Free parking available in the Hoy Road Parking Garage, with limited handicap parking in front of Phillip Hall.

**About the Sciencenter**

The Sciencenter inspires excitement for science through interactive exhibits and programs that engage, educate and empower. The hands-on museum offers visitors of all ages more than 250 exhibits, educational programs, a gift shop, an outdoor science park and a seasonal 18-hole miniature golf course. The museum is open on Tuesday-Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm, on Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. and on holiday Mondays from 10 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors, \$6 for children 3-17 years, and free to members and children under 3. For membership information, current programs and activities, please visit [www.sciencenter.org](http://www.sciencenter.org). The Sciencenter is a proud member of the Discovery Trail in Ithaca.

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