

Campus Watch: Greater Ithaca Activities Center and Cornell team up for physics

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Middle school students from the Greater Ithaca Activities Center gather at Cornell University to participate in an after-school program to build science exhibits that display principles of physics. / PHOTO PROVIDED



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Each week anywhere from eight to 12 middle school students from the Greater Ithaca Activities Center after-school program head to Cornell University to create models that show principles of physics.

Called the "Junk Genies of Science," the program was formed out of an effort to launch a summer enrichment program for GIAC students last spring. Garbage 2 Gadgets is another such program where students construct contraptions out of objects, such as cups and cardboard folders.

The programs are part of Xraise, the outreach division of the Cornell Laboratory for Accelerator-based Sciences and Education. The Junk Genies are working on exhibits they will display at the Ithaca Sciencenter on Saturday.