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Children's Museum Explores Science through the Ages

SALEM, OR—Sizzlin' Science returns to A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village February 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m., with “Science through the Ages: Invention & Design.” From a replica of an Egyptian burial chamber to tomorrow's rocket fuel, Sizzlin' Science invites families to experience how science has shaped our past and remains an exciting part of everyday life.

While at the museum, visitors can meet Galileo and other superstars of science, learn more about King Cluck (a mummified chicken), take part in 60-second science projects and see what happens when a pickle gets a jolt of 120 volts of electricity. Visitors will receive a science journal to assemble with pages collected at each station or demonstration that explains the scientific principle at work.

Organizer Debbie Schmidt, who has coordinated science events at the museum for the past six years, says that her favorite part of Sizzlin' Science is “seeing the kids' faces light up when they realize that science is all around them.” Also, it's great to see kids and adults interact with experiments, she says.

Returning to the event this year is the Egg Drop Challenge, which introduces physics and engineering through a light-hearted “eggs-periment.” Visitors will be challenged to construct a contraption to keep an egg safe as it falls from a nearby pedestrian bridge. Materials to create the egg-cradling contraption will be provided until the official drop at 1:30 p.m.

As part of the museum's mission to promote education in the sciences, arts and humanities, Sizzlin' Science partners with local science organizations and groups. Among the

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many presenters, Judy Butler, Ph.D. and Louisa Hooven, Ph.D. from Oregon State University will make "dragon breath" and frozen cheetahs using liquid nitrogen.

Youth ages 5 to 17 will also be able to participate in a noncompetitive Science Showcase that takes place during Sizzlin' Science. Participants will display projects that illustrate a concept in the field of science, technology, math or engineering. Registration for this showcase is required in advance by calling the museum.

This event is free for museum members or with paid museum admission. Admission to the Sizzlin' Science also includes full admission to the museum, which includes three historic houses brimming with interactive exhibits for kids through age 12. A complete program schedule for this event is available online: <http://www.acgilbert.org/sizzlingscience.htm>.

EVENT LISTING:

Sizzlin' Science Day

February 16, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village presents Sizzlin' Science Day, an exploration of science through the ages to delight young and old alike. The children's museum sizzles with inventions and demonstrations by local science organizations and features a Science Showcase where young scientists can show off their smarts (advance registration required). Visitors can make rockets or design an egg-cradling contraption to withstand a drop of over 30 feet. Free with paid admission. A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village, 116 Marion St NE, Salem, OR 97301. Info: 503-371-3631 or info@acgilbert.org.

A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village is a private nonprofit children's museum located in downtown Salem's Riverfront Park. Founded in 1989, A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village provides innovative and stimulating educational experiences that spark children's natural curiosity. The Village's mission is to provoke curiosity, inspire awe, awaken interest, foster enjoyment, encourage learning, and enable understanding in all youth.

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