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Sizzling Science Day at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village

Salem, OR—What happens when you take all of National Engineer's Week and compress it into a single day of outrageous experiments, mind-boggling feats and scientific marvels? Explosions, of course.

With intriguing demonstrations, talks by real-life scientists and engineers and the chance to mix Diet Coke and Mentos to see what happens, Sizzling Science brings the subject to life on February 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village.

What better place to explore the scientific principles behind bubbles or conduct marble car races than at the children's museum founded on the principle that "playing is essential to learning"?

Activities will give visitors an opportunity to explore light spectrums with a watercolor rainbow workshop, enjoy a puppet show about color and light, learn about petrified wood and volcanoes from the Rockhounding Fool and browse the collections of the Willamette Agate and Gems Society.

The event, held when most children are out of school for President's Day, offers children a view of science in action beyond the classroom and how it affects the world around them.

Guest speakers include Judy Butler, a researcher for Oregon State University, Annie Latty of Puppets and More, and Richard Fenwick of Kidsart.

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A celebration of National Engineer's Week has been a long-standing tradition at the children's museum. Engineering is a broad field that includes specialties in environmental, electrical, and chemical engineering, explained Kim Baldwin, Assistant Director of A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village. "It's not just about building bridges," she said, "Engineering is everything out there."

Children can also participate in a non-competitive Science Showcase. Each child will receive a 2x2 display space on a table or wall to present a project in the fields of science, technology, math, and/or engineering. Participants in the showcase will receive a guest pass for that day's admission.

To participate or for more information, call A.C. Gilbert's Discovery Village at 503-371-3631.

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, foster enjoyment, encourage learning, and enable understanding in all youth.

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