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## **Nano Days Festival at the Danville Science Center**

DANVILLE — Check out the funky sand. You can pour it in water and it stays dry. What's up with that? Bend a metal wire that requires heat to return to its original shape. Discover what happens when you squirt ketchup on a new special fabric. Test a force stronger than gravity — it involves one drop of water. Make a heat detector with liquid crystals. Explore the tiniest science. The **Nano Days Festival** is at the Danville Science Center on **Saturday, March 27, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.**

“Nanotechnology is science and engineering on a very small scale,” says Science Center Director Jeff Liverman. “There are one billion nanometers in one meter. This is the level of atoms and molecules where materials act very differently than on our human scale. It's a whole new world. Our **Nano Days Festival** is your chance to explore this tiny world.”

While you're at the Science Center check out the **Hatching the Past**. Dig for dinosaur eggs like a real paleontologist. Touch a real dinosaur leg bone fossil. Examine a model dinosaur nest. Ever wonder what dinosaur families were like? Did little dinosaurs ever meet their parents? Find out what information scientists are uncovering.

Want your Saturday filled with technology? Start at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research. It's hosting Nano Days activities during an open house Saturday morning. For details visit [www.ialr.org](http://www.ialr.org).

**Nano Days Festival** is a collaboration including the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network, Luna nanoWorks, the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research and the Science Center. **Hatching the Past** is owned by StoneCompany.com Inc. It is sponsored at the Science Center by the Kiwanis Club of Danville Foundation.

The **Nano Days Festival** and **Hatching the Past** are included with Science Center admission. Tickets are \$5 for ages 4-12 and 60+ and \$6 for ages 13-59. For Science Center information call 434-791-5160 or visit [www.dsc.smv.org](http://www.dsc.smv.org). The Science center is located at 677 Craghead Street.

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