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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Celebrate NanoDays™ 2011 at WOW! Children's Museum

**Lafayette, Colorado** - NanoDays presented by WOW! Children's Museum is part of a nationwide festival of educational programs about nanoscale science and engineering. This year WOW! will host a week of activities at the Museum on March 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> and a special 1-day event for 'tweens, teens, and adults at Lafayette Public Library on March 26<sup>th</sup>.

NanoDays is organized by the Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Net). This community-based event is the largest public outreach effort in nanoscale informal science education and involves science museums, research centers, and universities from Puerto Rico to Alaska.

NanoDays celebrations are a unique opportunity for both children and adults to explore the tiny world of atoms, molecules, and nanoscale forces. A range of exciting NanoDays programs demonstrate the special and unexpected properties found at the nanoscale, examine tools used by nanoscientists, showcase nano materials with spectacular promise, and invite discussion of technology and society. Visitors will investigate super thin materials used in solar cell technology, forces stronger than gravity, and sand that doesn't get wet—even under water!

"My favorite new activity this year is making a rainbow of colors from a clear liquid", says Dr. Nikki Delaney, Exhibits and Programs Director at WOW! Children's Museum. "When we get down to the nanoscale, we are talking about materials that are smaller than the wavelengths of light we see. How can a scientist study something too small to see with light? Come to NanoDays and find out!"

The Museum will host NanoDays activities on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, March 24<sup>th</sup>, March 25<sup>th</sup>, March 28<sup>th</sup>, March 29<sup>th</sup> and March 30<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm each day. NanoDays activities are included with Museum admission. NanoDays activities presented by WOW! at Lafayette Public Library will be held on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm in the Meeting Room.

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**WOW! Children's Museum is located at 110 N. Harrison Avenue in downtown Lafayette.**  
**New Business Hours:** Tuesday-Friday: 9am-5pm; Saturday: 10am-6pm; Sunday: 12pm-4pm; Monday: Closed.  
Toddler Hour (Ages 5 and under only): Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9am-10am.  
**General Admission:** Children, \$7.00; adults are free. Call for information about memberships, field trip rates and birthday parties.



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**About NISE Network:** Originally launched by the Museum of Science in Boston, the Science Museum of Minnesota, and San Francisco's Exploratorium, the NISE Network is now led by 14 museums and universities across the nation. In 2005, an initial grant funded formation of NISE Network to collaboratively develop and distribute innovative approaches to engaging Americans in nanoscale science and engineering. The NISE Network has won its second five-year \$21 million grant from the National Science Foundation allowing partners to continue the work of the NISE Net into the next decade. For more information visit [www.nisenet.org/nanodays](http://www.nisenet.org/nanodays)

**About WOW!** Founded in 1996, WOW! Children's Museum (World of Wonder) is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization that is dedicated to providing educational interactive exhibits, activities, and programs for all children - bringing families together in a creative environment that sparks imagination, inspires learning through play, and supports school readiness.

**For more information:** Contact WOW! at 303-604-2424 or visit [www.wowchildrensmuseum.org](http://www.wowchildrensmuseum.org). WOW! is located at 110 N. Harrison Avenue in downtown Lafayette. Find WOW! Children's Museum on Facebook.

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