

## Nano for Summer Camps



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# Nano Science Camp



Summer, 2013

# Super Science Program

"Just because you can't see something doesn't mean it isn't there."

#### Goals

- Foster curiosity about the unseen world
- Encourage critical thinking
- Jump start an interest in science

#### Lesson Topics

- Magnetism
- Electricity
- Microscopic
   Substances

# Energy



Lighting the bulb by making a circuit.



Ribbons of color follow the touch of a finger to the Plasma ball.

# Energy



Touch and See Square



Fortune Fish

# Energy Sound



# Energy Sound



Ear Guitar



**Boom Whackers** 

# Unseen Forces Magnetism







# Too Small to See

## Big Screen Microscope



# The Right Tools



Avalanche Fruit Stand



Wearing mittens or gloves while trying to build with blocks can help children understand how important the "right" tools can be!

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# Exploring the Unseen World – Nano Camp Spring/Summer 2013





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### **Camp Development**





Grades - 5-7

Funding – NISEnet mini grant

#### Resources -

- NISEnet Nano camp framework
- 2011-2012 Nano days kits
- Additional online resources
- National meeting sessions on camps

# **Camp Outline**

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
THEME	Just how small IS nano?	Nano in nature	New in Nanotechnol ogy	Special tools in nano	Nanotechno logy leads to new knowledge and innovation



### **Challenges or Things to Consider**



- Selling it!
- Scheduling scientist
- Balancing fun with learning goals









# AG AND NANO SUMMER CAMP

## **Ag and Nano Summer Camp**

- □ Day 1 What is Nano
- □ Day 2 Nano and Nature
- □ Day 3 The Sweet Life
- □ Day 4 Special Tools
- □ Day 5 Innovation



### What made it different?

- □ 33 students/11 FFA
- □ Nominated by teacher
- □ Held at school site
- □ Each day featured:
  - □ Guest scientist
  - □ Box of Science (Homework)
  - □ Food



# Real Scientists Set the Stage



## **Day 1 Homework – Insect Collecting**





# Day 2 - Build a Bug Homework



# **Snowflakes and Crystals**



# **Gecko Tape**



# Pigments v.s. Iridescence



# Day 3 - Chromatography



# **Molecular Gastronomy**



### **Nano Ice Cream**



# Day 4 – Build a Bot



# **Armed and Dangerous**



# Finale – A Taste of Agriculture



