

# Nanoscale Informal Science Education Network (NISE Net)



**NISE Net** is an NSF-funded national community of researchers and informal science educators dedicated to fostering public awareness, engagement, and understanding of nanoscale science, engineering, and technology.

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# NISE Net Goals



**Network community:** increase capacity in the field

- Support partners in engaging the public in nanoscale science, engineering, and technology
- Form partnerships among informal science education (ISE) institutions and research centers

**Educational products:** engage the public

- Develop and distribute educational products
- Raise public awareness and understanding of nano

**Knowledge:** inform the field and future projects

- Generate and document learning through evaluation and research
- Communicate broadly in ISE and research fields

# Engaging the Public

**NanoDays** nationwide festival

Programs, demos, and activities

Exhibits and media





# NanoDays ([nisenet.org/nanodays](http://nisenet.org/nanodays))



**NanoDays** is the largest public outreach effort in nanoscale informal science education. This annual event involves hundreds of museums, research centers, and universities across the United States.

## Reach

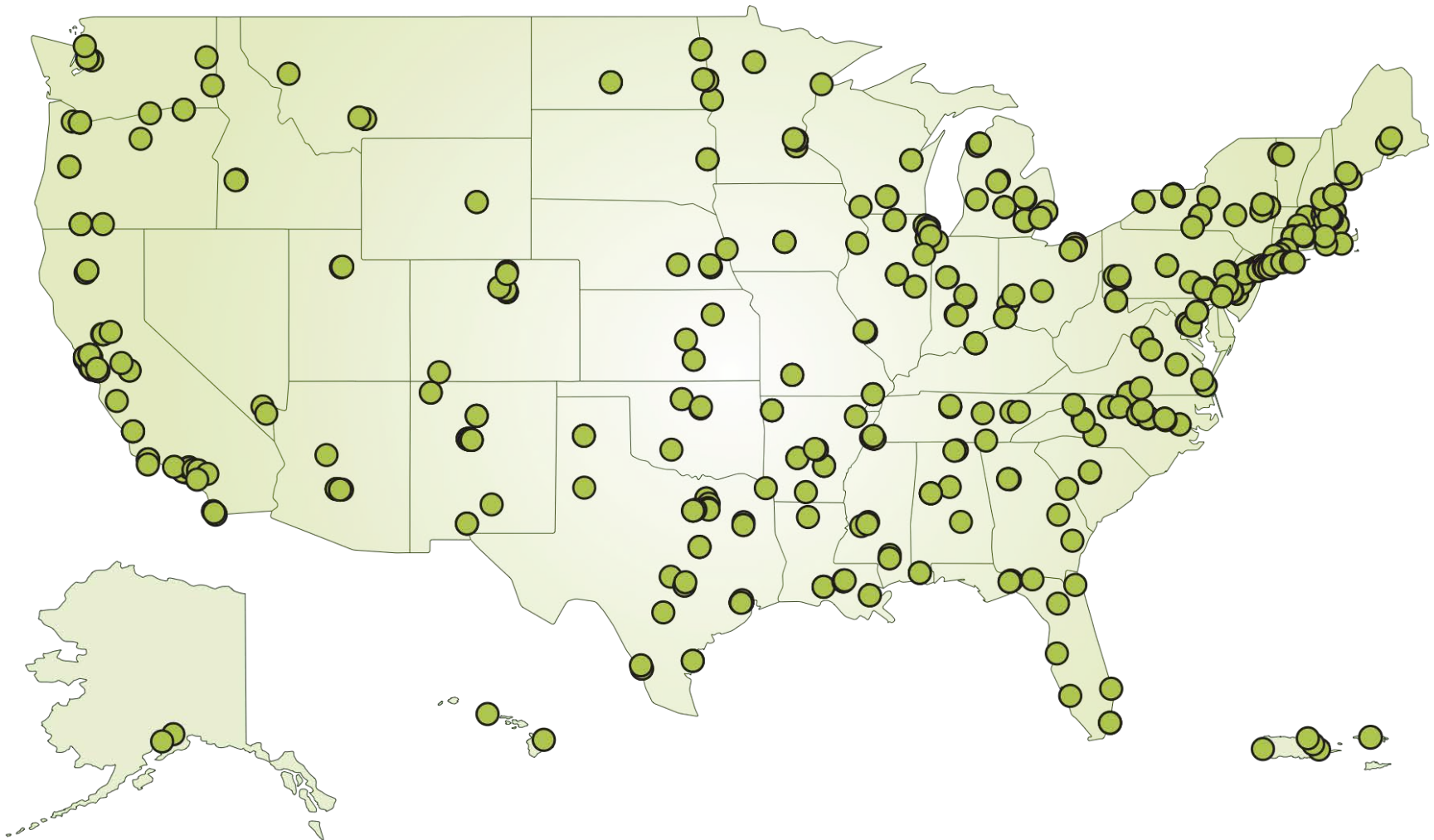
- Hundreds of sites across the country, in every state
- ~470,000 visitors annually
- Family audiences

## Resources

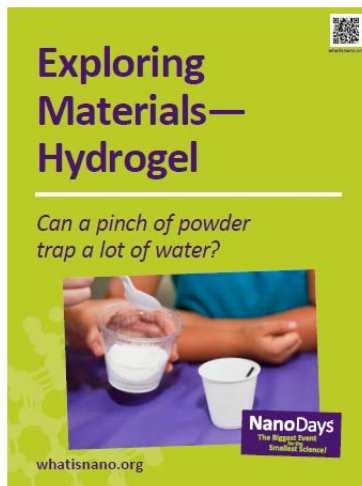
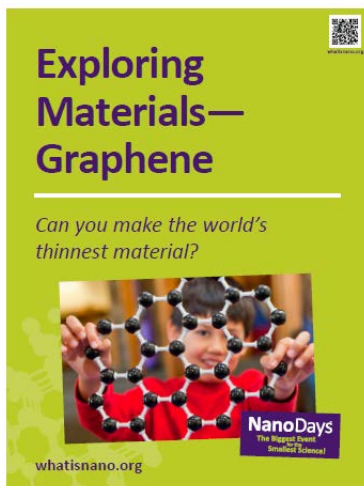
- Materials for hands-on activities and games
- Media and graphic materials
- Training materials
- Marketing and promotional materials

# NanoDays Participants [\(\[nisenet.org/nanodays\]\(http://nisenet.org/nanodays\)\)](http://nisenet.org/nanodays)

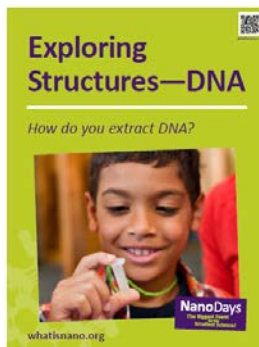
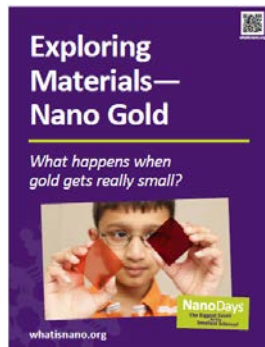
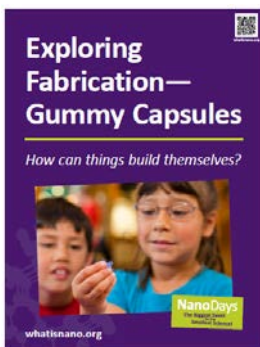
**NanoDays Kits**  
2008-2011



# NISE Net and ACS



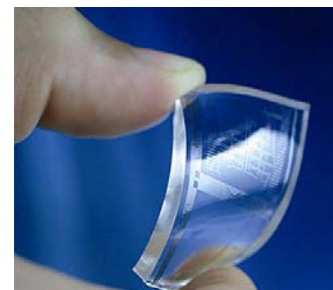
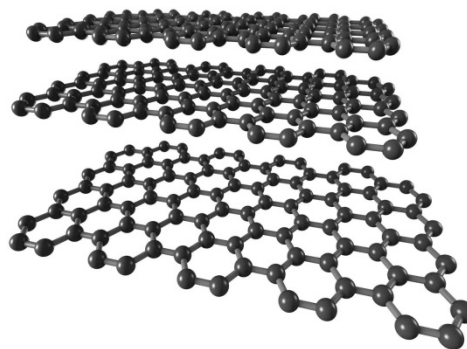
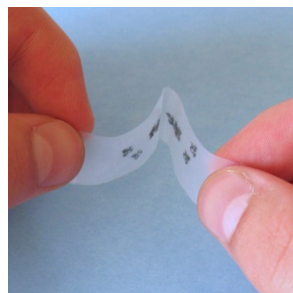
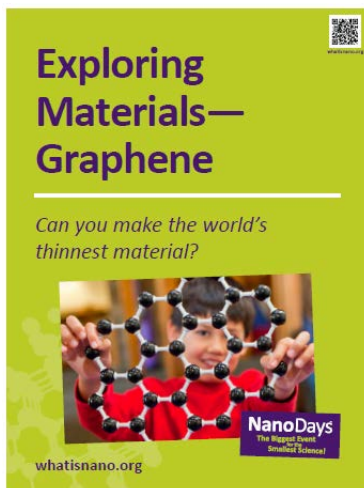
- Hands-on nanotechnology activities in the Celebrating Chemistry guide for NCW 2012 based on successful **Nanodays** outreach activities.
- Added chemistry connections from ACS educators.



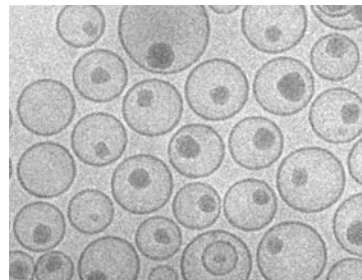
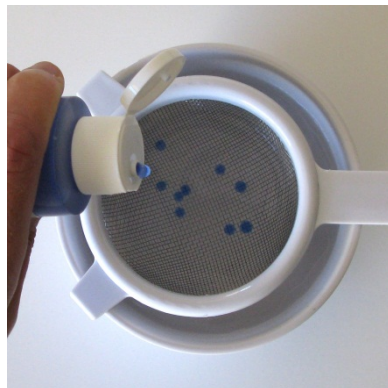
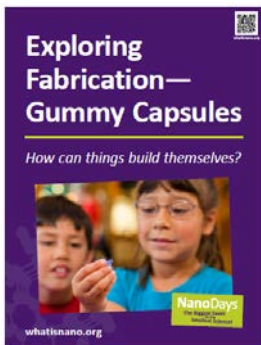
- Many other well-tested nano activities available from NISE Net with chemistry content.

All resources at [nisenet.org/national-chemistry-week](http://nisenet.org/national-chemistry-week)

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Making graphene with pencil lead shavings and tape.



Exploring self-assembly with sodium alginate.

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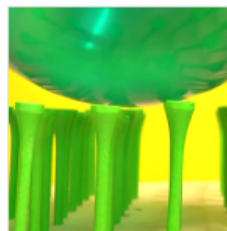
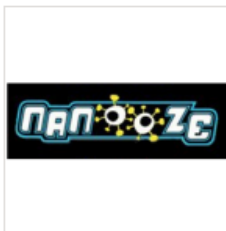
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