

Corvette museum welcomes 'Nano World' Saturday

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The National Corvette Museum will feature a display about tiny living things and the tools scientists use to see them in the exhibit "It's a Nano World."

"We have rented it from the Sciencenter in Ithaca, N.Y. They have a wide variety of them that museums can rent for a fee and put on display for a temporary length of time," said Katie Frassinelli, the Corvette museum's marketing manager. "This is our second exhibit to rent from them. It's coming in two semi trucks. It's significantly larger than what we've done in the past."

The display, which debuts from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, will be displayed through April 15. Tickets are for \$10 for adults \$5 for children ages 6 to 16, free for children under 6 and \$25 for an entire family. Special group rates are available. PNC, which helped bring the exhibit to the museum as part of its "Grow Up Great" program that helps young children prepare for school and life, has discount tickets available.

"The exhibit is a good fit for what they're doing for children," Frassinelli said.

The opening day will also include a character breakfast fundraiser with costumed characters such as Cinderella, Western Kentucky University mascot Big Red and Bowling Green Hot Rods mascot Axle. The first 50 children will get free entrance to the exhibit.

The exhibit will feature hands-on elements that are fun, yet educational, Frassinelli said.

"Teachers would have an interest in it because it ties to things they're teaching in the classroom," she said. "It's geared toward elementary students, but there are hands-on elements that are applicable to middle and high school classrooms. It illustrates the concepts you're learning about. Even adults can come by and enjoy it."

A committee chooses which exhibits come to the museum, Frassinelli said.

"Every year we go online and look for exhibits available for rent," she said. "We look for things that not only school groups would enjoy, but also families."

The museum has had these extra exhibits for several years, Frassinelli said.

"We had done these several years ago before the expansion. With that came the exhibit hall. Now we have permanent space where we can have exhibits," she said. "This is our third year since the expansion. It's like we're two museums in one. We have the Corvettes and other exhibits."

- For more information about "Grow Up Great," visit <http://pncgrowupgreat.com>. For more information, call 781-7973 or visit www.corvettemuseum.org.