

USA Science & Engineering Festival 2012

JINA and NSCL welcomed inquisitive minds to their adjacent booths at the 2nd USA Science & Engineering Festival which featured over 3,000 interactive exhibits. The Expo, located in Washington DC, held a sneak peak on Friday, April 27th for local students, press, and politicians. The Expo was open to the public all day during April 28-29, 2012. Over 150,000 people attended the festival during the weekend.

One attendee commented to organizers *"I can't say enough good things about this event! It was wonderful to see so many children so engaged with science, and clearly having fun at the same time! This was probably the best children's festival I have ever attended."*



The JINA and NSCL booths were in a prime location and operated at peak capacity for most of the 3 day event, interacting with about 2500 visitors. While most were families and educators unfamiliar with JINA, previous PAN participants also sought out the booths. The JINA exhibit offered kids a chance to "beat a scientist" at the CNO cycle card game and demonstrated cosmic and terrestrial radiation with detectors. The NSCL exhibit explained nuclear science by smashing model nuclei.

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