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**“HOW THINGS WORK” WEEKENDS:**  
**MORE REASONS TO VISIT NOW!**  
**HANDS-ON EXPERIMENTS AND ACTIVITIES ADDED TO WEEKEND**  
**PROGRAMMING AT THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE**  
*Saturdays & Sundays from February 19 - March 27*

**Philadelphia, PA — February 14, 2011** — In the spirit of its newest exhibition, *Leonardo da Vinci's Workshop*, The Franklin Institute presents “How Things Work” weekends beginning this Saturday, February 19 and taking place every weekend through March 27. In addition to The Franklin Institute's three floors of existing interactive exhibits, various live science experiments will fill the halls on weekends – many of which highlight and demonstrate the imaginative work of Leonardo da Vinci. Some classic favorites will be rolled out as well, including the Van de Graaff generator– a must-see, live demonstration that will literally make your hair stand on end.

**“How Things Work” weekend activities at The Franklin Institute include:**

- Hands-on computer exploration of one of the world's most famous artists and inventors in *Leonardo da Vinci's Workshop*.\*
- K'Nex® Build Challenge - visitors challenge their engineering skills.
- Paper Airplane Design and Test Zone - visitors can take flight with one of Leonardo's favorite inventions, the flying machine.
- The Franklin Institute's ever-popular favorites:
  - Live Liquid Air Show
  - Van de Graaff generator
  - Papermaking Cart: learn how to make paper by hand

All programs and events above are included in museum admission. \*An additional ticket is required for admission to the *Leonardo da Vinci's Workshop* exhibition. Check the daily program guide for specific times and locations. For more information, please log on to [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu), or call 215-448-1200.

About The Franklin Institute

Located in the heart of Philadelphia, The Franklin Institute is a renowned and innovative leader in the field of science and technology learning, as well as a dynamic center of activity. Pennsylvania's most visited museum, it is dedicated to creating a passion for learning about science by offering access to hands-on science education. For more information, visit [www.fi.edu](http://www.fi.edu).