

## **NIEHS celebrates Bring Your Kids to Work Day**

*By Allison Ashley*

Nearly 30 families participated in this year's Bring Your Kids to Work Day June 12. The annual event is organized by the NIEHS Administrative Services and Analysis Branch Employee Services group and the Health and Safety Branch.

Eager children arrived early in the morning to pick up schedules, donuts, and goodie bags. "My granddaughter has looked forward to today for weeks," said Denise Lasko, staff assistant in the National Toxicology Program (NTP). "She would take the agenda off of the refrigerator daily and say, 'Sit down and read this to me again.'"

There were a variety of activities to enjoy, including a fitness run, nature walk around Discovery Lake, tour of the Institute, and cake walk. There were also several science activities, including Fun with Histology, MRI and Magnets, and a video of Bill Nye the Science Guy.

Abee Boyles, Ph.D., health scientist in the NTP Office of Health Assessment and Translation, participated in the Meet the Scientists program, sharing her story about the career path that led her to NIEHS. She explained the scientific aspect of her job, emphasizing how being able to write well helps her explain her research.

Parents, grandparents, and children had a fun-filled day.

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*After the cake walk, program specialist Cynthia Radford, right, showed Tyler, grandson of NTP staff scientist Gordon Flake, Ph.D., how to make a DNA strand keychain. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)*



*Children, parents, and grandparents gathered around the table to learn how to extract strawberry DNA. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)*



*Visiting NIEHS science labs was once again a popular activity for families. Claire Long, of the Employee Services group, and others watched a demonstration of superconductivity by Geoffrey Mueller, Ph.D., staff scientist with the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Group. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)*



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*NIEHS interior designer Amanda Thompson, left, and daughter Taylor enjoyed the Meet the Scientists program. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)*



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Families enjoyed the NIEHScampus during the nature walk around Discovery Lake. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



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Ava, daughter of chemist Andrea Adams, Ph.D., enjoyed the crafts table. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)



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*The nature walk provided a chance to work off some excess energy, and learn about ways NIEHS supports the ecological health of its campus. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)*



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*NTP staff assistant Denise Lasko brought granddaughter Presley, whose hands were just the right size for Hands-on-Science. (Photo courtesy of Steve McCaw)*

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