CARSON CITY, Nev—Discovery Lab at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City offers family <u>learning adventures</u>

from 1 to 3:30 p.m., Saturday, April 14. A resident scientist and volunteers will demonstrate *Funky Fungi*

, part of the museum's Young Naturalist Series. Kids can also get hands-on with a related art activity. Upcoming activities will featured birds, butterflies, reptiles and other wildlife. All Discovery Lab programs encourage children to touch, feel and imagine, using microscopes and real specimens.

The program is recommended for children aged 6 to 11, accompanied by their parents or responsible adult. Space is limited to eight persons per 30-minute session. Register at the front desk, 600 N. Carson Street. Admission is \$8 for adults, and free for members and children 17 and under. Contact Deborah Stevenson, dstevenson@nevadaculture.org or (775) 687-4810, ext. 237.

Funky Fungi will explore the world of lichens and fungi, and their importance to the nature. Museum staff will introduce children to microscopes to observe lab specimens including the Small-warted Mountain Puffball, Turkey Tail, Artist's Conk, Little Cone Bell, Rosy Russula, and Nevada lichen. Discovery concepts include symbiosis, nutrient recycling, and the positive and negative roles of fungi. Participants will model and decorate a mushroom to take home.

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