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Science Storms, its new permanent exhibit, last Thursday.

The exhibit, which includes a 40-foot tornado, 20-foot avalanche, high voltage lightening storms and a live fire exhibit, will give people the opportunity to investigate how natural disasters such as tsunamis, earthquakes and avalanches happen.

"Visitors will be able to explore all areas of these hands-on exhibits," said Olivia Castellini, one of the core exhibit team members for Science Storms who stood in the middle of the tornado as an example of just how hands-on the exhibits can be.

The exhibit also includes a recreation of Isaac Newton's prism experiment and the display of a first edition copy of the book "Opticks: Or A Treatise of the Reflection, Refractions, Inflections and Colours of Light" opened to the page where he explains his findings on how he used prisms to discover that white light is made up of different colors. The University of Chicago donated the book to the museum.

Video presentations are also a big part of the exhibit. Derrick Rose, point guard for the Chicago Bulls, helped model and explain the element of physics in the projectile motion exhibit, touch screens are used in nearly every exhibit to provide instruction and allow teachers to download data to take back to their classrooms and there are also screens running videos introducing the scientist who studied each phenomena.

Castellini said MSI wants to redefine what it is to do science.



Press and Museum of Science and Industry staff members enjoy a preview of Science Storms, the museum's newest exhibit demonstrating the science behind "some of nature's most powerful and compelling phenomena".

Marc Monaghan

"Nature's a cool place," Castellini said. "So much is happening outside and no one asks why."

She said another amazing thing about the exhibit is the space they've been allowed to use.

The exhibit is in the space now called the Allstate Court, which was inspired by the Christmas Trees Around the World exhibit, and sits inside 26,000-square-feet of space and takes up two levels in an exhibit room right near the north entrance of the museum.

For more information about the Science Storm exhibit, visit [msi.org](http://msi.org).

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## Jackson Park workdays begin April 10

By SAM CHOLKE  
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Workdays at Jackson Park restart for the spring on April 10.

"We're going to preserve an oak savannah that has been there for thousands and thousands of years," said Ross Peterson, president of the Jackson Park Advisory Council and who leads the workdays. "What we want to do is make sure there's an oak savannah 100 years out."

The public is invited to come out to help remove invasive species of plant life from the park from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the second and fourth Saturdays of the

month. The groups meet at the Darrow Bridge behind the Museum of Science and Industry.

The Chicago Park District will provide all tools. Come dressed for rugged work.

Wooded Island in Jackson Park underwent a leap forward in preservation efforts over the fall and winter when foresters from Care of Trees and the Chicago Park District came in to remove 24 invasive saplings.

Spring workdays will help finish removal of mulberry and buckthorn sprouts and plant burr oak trees.

"This is essentially a construction project -- what we've finished is the demolition phase," Peterson said.

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gets stumped her brothers are eager to blurt out the right answer.

The children's interest in geography has also been sparked by the family's annual trips.

"We are a family that loves to travel," said Annette Gendler, who added that their yearly trips to visit family in Germany often lead to other

excursions.

The Gendlers have visited most states in the U.S. including Alaska, Hawaii and South Dakota and have seen many of the national parks. They've also traveled internationally and have visited countries such as England, France, Germany, Austria, Israel and several Caribbean islands.

The state competition will take place at 9 a.m. at the Field Museum, 1400 S. Lake Shore Drive.

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of recruiting for the U.S. Census Bureau, said connecting with neighbors in Hyde Park has had its ups and downs.

"Door-to-door recruitment has been fairly difficult because of the high-rise buildings," Hunter said. "If building managers aren't cooperative, we cannot enter. But for every difficult building we've had, there has been a good one."

want to help.

Those interested in working for the census can visit [census.gov](http://census.gov) to view the list of jobs that are available and find their nearest testing site. The test consists of basic math and reading questions. Once an applicant is chosen for hire, there will also be a fingerprint and background check.

Census forms were sent to each home in March, either by mail or in person from a census worker. The bureau expects to have all of the 10-page surveys returned by April 1 but will send workers out to visit homes where people have not responded from late April through July. The bureau will then