



Kevin O'Conner carves a sculpture from a block of ice at the annual Frozen Fest, held at Robinson Nature Center in Columbia on a balmy winter Sunday afternoon. There were games, experiments, demonstrations and cold-blooded animal displays.



Fire pits were set on the patio at the nature center for roasting marshmallows.

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Fire and ice at nature center's Frozen Fest



Nathan Kleinman, 4, of Columbia, builds a snowman from cotton at the arts and crafts table.



Six-year-old Josephine Hepple, of Columbia, plays in an indoor ice cave constructed from empty milk jugs.



Kirby Brown, an environmental educator at Robinson Nature Center, conducts an experiment with super-cold liquid nitrogen.



Five-year-old Ellie Meyers, and her grandmother, Mary Grace Hektner, both of Columbia, roast marshmallows.



Janista Johnson, 4, of Columbia, poses for a photo with members of Columbia's Drama Learning Center, dressed as characters from the movie "Frozen." They are, from left, Faith Benson, 17, playing Elsa, Caty Dwyer, 24, as Olaf and Meghan Anderson, 23, as Anna.



Kathy Colton, a volunteer at Robinson Nature Center, holds a corn snake for visitors to touch during a demonstration about cold-blooded animals from the area.