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Activities galore Saturday at the 2004 Youth Expo

Youngsters will show other kids how to do cool stuff, with a little adult supervision, at the Glassman Foundation 2004 Youth Expo Saturday at the Pima County Fairgrounds.

Members of the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Camp Fire, Big Brothers Big Sisters, 4-H, Boys and Girls Clubs, and Learning for Life, an education and character-building organization, have put together activities, displays and performances geared toward school-age children.

"Everything is designed to be hands-on," said Jonathan Pleger, finance director for the Catalina Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

"While we're showcasing what (our organizations) do," he added, "this is a fun family day."

Kids can run through an obstacle course, walk across a 30-foot rope bridge, race a Pinewood Derby car or a foam sailboat, talk on a ham radio, navigate a climbing wall or launch a small rocket.

Girl Scouts will put on puppet shows, while 4-H'ers will show off award-winning animals such as snakes and rabbits. Displays will feature soap carvings, models, beadwork and other crafts made by youngsters both for the exhibit and during the expo.

Retailers including as the Summit Hut and Home Depot will have displays on activities appropriate for youngsters. The Red Cross, the YMCA and other nonprofit organizations also will lead activities and set up displays.

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QUICK TAKE

Glassman Foundation 2004 Youth Expo

When: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday

Where: Pima County Fairgrounds, 11300 S. Houghton Road

Admission: \$1; free for age 17 and younger

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