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Friday After Thanksgiving (F.A.T.)

Chain Reaction Teams Wanted - The Public is Invited to Watch!

What is a Chain Reaction?

A series of events in which each influences or gives rise to the next event. Now is the time to sign up and be part of a whacky, fun event in which students and adults alike are treated to the miracle of simplicity - cause and effect. It all happens here at MIT and is sponsored by the MIT Museum.

Whether it's the reaction induced between one creative contraption and another equally crafty contrivance or the joyful reactions sparked on the faces of the spectators, the MIT Museum's *Friday After Thanksgiving (F.A.T.) Mega Chain Reaction* is a one-of-a-kind, got-be-seen-to-be-believed engineering feat.

Now in its seventh year, the *F.A.T. Mega Chain Reaction* invites people to join the fun as participants as well as spectators. Participants bring in their own mini-chain reactions and set to connecting their creations to the links that precede and follow them. They work to form one giant chain reaction, set off at the end of the program as the thrilling culmination.

Artist/inventor Arthur Ganson masterminds the choreography of this "mega-machine," assisted by MIT student teams. Participants range from Girl Scout troops to artists and

engineers, from family teams to MIT clubs and living groups. Teams have come from as far away as New York and Rhode Island. No matter how different the individual chain reactions are, inevitably, with a little string and duct tape, and the holding of many breaths, they all work together magically and beautifully.

The MIT Museum's *F.A.T. Mega Chain Reaction* takes place Friday, November 24 from 1:00 to 4:00pm at Rockwell Cage in MIT's [Zesiger Sports and Fitness Center](#) at 120 Vassar Street.

Advanced registration for participants is required. Registration deadline is November 17. For more on the Museum's annual *F.A.T. Mega Chain Reaction*, visit <http://web.mit.edu/museum/programs/fat.html> or call 617-253-5927 during business hours.

- Participant fee: \$10 per four-person team; \$5 for each additional team member . For registration information, see <http://web.mit.edu/museum/programs/fat.html#reg>
- Spectator fee: \$10 for adults; \$5 for students, seniors, and youth under 18; and free for children under 5 and MIT Identification Card holders.
- **Spectator fee includes a free visit to the MIT Museum.**
- **Note: On F.A.T., the MIT Museum will be open one hour later, through 6:00pm.**