NANO CAMP

BRIGHT LIGHTS

AT UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

SNOWFLAKES - SELF-ASSEMBLY



The complex structure of snowflakes results from the nanoscale arrangement of water molecules in an ice crystal.

WHY DO SNOWFLAKES HAVE 6 SIDES?





Oxygen atoms selfassemble into a hexagonal shape through hydrogen bonds.

NOW YOU GET TO SELF-ASSEMBLE!

 Look at your "Exploring Fabrication - Self Assembly" sheet - play Game 3 to build a human snowflake using the nanostructure model.

LOTUS LEAF - NANOFABRIC

Nanoscale features

 on surface influence
 how a material
 behaves on
 macroscale.



WHAT MAKES THINGS HYDROPHOBIC?



 Surface of lotus leaves have waxy, nanometer-sized bumps that keep water and dirt from sticking.

 Normally, water and dirty can attack a fabric from many angles, but adding a layer of hydrophobic solution covers fabric so that water and dirt collect on top of the 'whiskers' of the solution and roll off.



- Look at your "Exploring Products Nano Fabric" sheet follow directions.
- Demo Nano Shirt with koolaid

SUNLIGHT - UV BEADS



UV beads contain special material (photocromic dye) that changes color when exposed to UV light because... the UV light breaks a bond in dye molecule so molecules rearranges shape. New shape needs more energy to have its bonds broken.

NANOSTRUCTURE - BUTTERFLY



Source: Credit - GE Global Research



Blue Morpho butterflies have wings with overlapping scales covered with ribs. There is air space a few nanometers between ribs so light waves bouncing off top and bottom surfaces of neighboring ribs interfere.

• Spaces between gold particles cause different colors of gold.