

East Texas Regional Science Fair

March 2, 2012

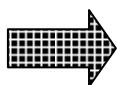
INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS / ADULT SPONSORS

The 2012 East Texas Regional Science Fair (ETRSF) will be held on **Friday, March 2, 2012**, in the Devall Student Center Ballroom on the Kilgore College campus. Each school is invited to bring a maximum of **10 entrants** (local fair winners). The ETRSF is open to students in grades 5-8 (Junior) and 9-12 (Senior). Both Junior and Senior categories are divided into Biological and Physical. Entrants must enter one of the four categories. All entrants will receive a T-shirt.

Entry Fees:

Individual -- \$15

Group (*limited to maximum of 3 people*) -- \$35



Instead of faxing, you will enter each student's entry online. The link is on the ETRSF website http://www.kilgore.edu/chemistry_fair.asp. Entries are due by **Tuesday, February 28, 2012 – no exceptions!**

WINNERS

Our top winner (grades 9-12 only) and their sponsor will be able to attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF), May 13-18, 2012, in Pittsburgh, PA. Expenses to ISEF will be paid by the ETRSF! Only high school students (grades 9-12) are eligible to attend ISEF.

The top finishers in each of the four categories will qualify to attend the ExxonMobil Texas Science and Engineering Fair, March 29, 2012, in San Antonio, TX. Specialty Awards will be given for projects in water, engineering, mathematics, use of SI units (metric system), psychology, computer science and environmental science. The U.S. Army, Navy, and Air Force will also award prizes!

RULES

All projects must comply with the International Rules for Precollege Science Research: Guidelines for Science and Engineering Fairs 2011-2012. Copies of these rules are available on the ISEF website. ETRSF projects that do **not** comply with these rules (and cannot be easily altered on-site to comply) will be recognized and marked "For Display Only" and will not be eligible for prizes. The ISEF website contains a Rules Wizard that is a convenient checklist for all students and sponsors. Please have students refer to this **BEFORE** starting any project. The link is available on our website: http://www.kilgore.edu/chemistry_fair.asp

FORMS

All projects must have the following forms completed **BEFORE** research begins.

- Checklist for Adult Sponsor (1)
- Student Checklist (1A)
- Research Plan
- Approval Form (1B)

Additional forms are required for projects involving different research settings, human or animal subjects or biological agents. Please instruct students to use the **Rules Wizard** on the ISEF website, in advance, to determine which forms they need. Each school should appoint an Institutional Review Board (IRB) whose purpose is to ensure that all rules are followed. **Forms that require Scientific Review Committee (SRC) approval should be emailed to Shannon Sisk – ssisk@kilgore.edu - by February 28, 2012.**

Please submit only **copies** of original paperwork for approval. **Keep the originals and have students bring them to the fair.** Timely submission of these forms will ensure that all science projects are in compliance with the rules. All projects should have an Abstract Form that is clearly posted and a good bibliography that includes scholarly references. Do not just include internet references or encyclopedia references.

The beginning of judging (scheduled for 9:15 a.m.) will be a firm cutoff for admission of exhibits. Exhibits arriving after judging has begun will not be accepted. The ETRSF is a special event; please make special arrangements (if required) to assure that your students arrive on time. We will be available at **7:30 am** to register projects. Remember to arrive in plenty of time so that project paperwork can be reviewed before project set up. Please pay close attention to the Display and Safety Rules. A schedule of events and campus map are available on our website, as well as helpful hints for students and the rules/modifications for 2011-2012.

If you have questions about the ETRSF which are not answered here, please call or e-mail me. We look forward to seeing you at the 2012 fair!

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