

Laurel Mountain Elementary
Austin Energy Regional Science Festival 2010
Student Project & Display Pre-Project Contract
Mandatory Form

We are excited that your child(ren) is participating in the Science Fair this year. The purpose of this form is to help your students or your child develop a quality project that will be allowed to be entered and displayed at the local school and regional science festival. In preparation for the big day please answer the following questions by marking 'yes' or 'no' then read the information at the bottom of each section.

A signed *completed* copy of this form must be returned to Laurel Mountain by Tuesday, November 24th in order for your child to receive their display board in December. For any questions please contact me at 464-4306.

Johanna Kelley
Assistant Principal

ALLOWED AND ENCOURAGED ITEMS

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| 1. Does the science project involve photographs, drawings, stuffed animals/artificial plants, or imitation (play) food to depict the prohibited or discouraged items? | Yes | or | No |
| 2. Does the science project properly credit/acknowledge all photographers on the display board (Photograph taken by . . .)? | Yes | or | No |
| 3. Does the science project involve taking photographs of their project steps as a visual explanation of their effort? Students must ask permission before photographing any other individuals for display on project. | Yes | or | No |
| 4. Does the science project involve using a computer and printer for written parts of the project? | Yes | or | No |
| 5. Does the science project involve using batteries as sources of electricity (for electrical projects)? | Yes | or | No |

If you answered 'no' to any of the above questions – please CHECK THE HANDBOOK for more information about allowed and encouraged items. All student projects must follow the guidelines to be allowed to display in the school and regional festival exhibit hall. It is not necessary to include all items listed above in each project—they are merely suggestions and recommendations.

DISCOURAGED ITEMS

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| 1. Does the science project involve expensive, breakable, or fragile items? | Yes | or | No |
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If you answered 'yes' to any of the above questions – please CHECK THE HANDBOOK for more information about discouraged items. All student projects must follow the guidelines to be allowed to display in the school and regional festival exhibit hall.

PROJECT IDEAS OF CONCERN

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| 1. Does the science project involve firearms, explosives, or discharge air pressure canister devices (i.e. potato guns)? | Yes | or | No |
| 2. Does the science project involve growing bacteria or mold at home? | Yes | or | No |
| 3. Does the science project involve causing pain, suffering, sickness, or death of an animal? | Yes | or | No |
| 4. Does the science project involve any activity or substance that presents a danger to the student or the environment, including hazardous chemicals or radioactive materials? | Yes | or | No |

If you answered 'yes' to any of the above questions – please change the topic of the project. The projects that involve these items are not allowed.

STUDENT NAME: _____

GRADE: _____

More Information can be found at: <http://www.sciencefest.org/elementary/students.php>

PROJECT DISPLAY & SAFETY CONCERNS

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| 1. | Does the science project involve organisms; living, dead or preserved (plants or animals)? | Yes | or | No |
| 2. | Does the science project involve human/animal parts or body fluids (for example, blood, urine)? | Yes | or | No |
| 3. | Does the science project involve human or animal food? | Yes | or | No |
| 4. | Does the science project involve bacteria or mold cultures? | Yes | or | No |
| 5. | Does the science project involve no liquids – laboratory/household chemicals including water (Exceptions: water integral to an enclosed apparatus or water supplied by the Display & Safety Committee)? | Yes | or | No |
| 6. | Does the science project involve poisons, drugs, controlled or hazardous substances? | Yes | or | No |
| 7. | Does the science project involve sharp items (for example: syringes, needles, pipettes, knives, tacks, nails)? | Yes | or | No |
| 8. | Does the science project involve glass or glass objects unless encased or an integral and necessary part of a commercial product (for example, a computer screen)? | Yes | or | No |
| 9. | Does the science project involve pressurized tanks or containers? | | | |
| 10. | Does the science project involve batteries with open top cells (so that battery acid can be seen)? | Yes | or | No |
| 11. | Does the science project involve dirt, soil, gravel, rocks, sand, waste product, etc. ? | Yes | or | No |
| 12. | Does the science project involve project, device, activity, or substance that may be deemed hazardous to student health or safety? | Yes | or | No |
| 13. | Does the science project involve photographs or pictures of animals or people in surgical techniques, dissections, or necropsies? | Yes | or | No |

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EXCEPTION

Students in **Kinder – 3rd grades** may have **properly sealed*** specimens (dead or preserved plant or mineral materials) as part of their project display. However, **no animal or human food is permitted.**

** “Properly sealed” means items cannot leak odor, liquid or particles out of their container. Items must be double bagged in sturdy (freezer) bags OR they must be placed in clear, plastic containers with the lid sealed using clear book tape. All items (shells, rocks, leaves, soil, eggshells, etc.) must be dried before sealing. We suggest that bags be attached to the project board with clear book tape for safe and neat display.*

I understand that my project may not be allowed to be entered into the science festival if all guidelines of the Austin Energy Regional Science Festival 2010 Rules for Participation are not followed. This purpose of this form is to help me develop a quality project that will be allowed to be entered and displayed at the local and regional science festival. **I will follow all guidelines.**

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

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GRADE: _____

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