



Austin Energy Regional Science Festival 2012

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES AND CHANGES

ELEMENTARY DIVISION

STUDENTS NOW MUST BE IN ELEMENTARY GRADES **3-6** TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AUSTIN ENERGY REGIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL. 1ST AND 2ND GRADE STUDENT PROJECTS ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST FILL OUT AN ELEMENTARY PROJECT RESEARCH FORM AND SUBMIT IT WITH THEIR STUDENT REGISTRATION PACKET.

Parking will be free of charge for all participants at the Palmer Events Center Garage.

Project Registration Fee is \$15 per project.

Due to space limitations the number of projects per school is as follows:

NUMBER OF STUDENTS	NUMBER OF PROJECTS
0-499	11 projects maximum
500-699	14 projects maximum
700-899	17 projects maximum
900+	20 projects maximum

REMINDER: Students are **NOT** allowed to do projects that involve growing any **mold** or **bacteria** at **HOME**.

NO HUMAN OR ANIMAL FOOD IS ALLOWED ON THE PROJECT BOARD OR IN THE PROJECT DISPLAY AREA (not even in sealed bags or containers) for any grade level.

PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED

No student in the Elementary Division will be allowed to design and conduct any science project that involves:

- firearms, explosives or discharge air pressure canister devices (i.e. potato guns)
- growing bacteria or mold at home
- causing pain, suffering, sickness or death of an animal
- any activity or substance that presents a danger to the student or the environment, including hazardous chemicals or radioactive materials

PROBLEM PAPERWORK AND LATE FEES

Incorrect and incomplete school paperwork as well as missed deadlines cause a great deal more work for teachers, parents, and Science Festival organizers. Our teacher and student checklists should help to improve this. **Due to space limitations, late registration will not be permitted.**

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Where to Get the Forms You Need

Austin Energy Regional Science Festival Code of Conduct/Media Release Forms, as well as the Elementary Project Research Form, can be downloaded at www.sciencefest.austinenergy.com

Common Problems Found with Registration Packets:

- Student is registered online in the wrong grade level
- Student's confirmation received after registering online is not submitted
- Original student Austin Energy Code of Conduct/Media Release Form signed by the parent /guardian is not submitted
- Students or parents mistakenly register the school. (Only the school sponsor registers the school.)
- Students forget to submit the "Elementary Project Research Form".