

RULES AND INFORMATION
2008 Brookhaven National Laboratory
Elementary School Science Fair

Science Fair to be held on Saturday May 3, 2008
 On-line Registration begins January 1, 2008
 Registration deadline April 18, 2008

Eligibility:

- Suffolk County School students in grades K – 6 who are grade level winners of their school science fair.
- Only individual projects are acceptable for grades 4 – 6.
- Individual or group projects are acceptable for grades K – 3.
- Participants of group projects must be of the same grade level. Size of group project is limited to one class (a.m. and p.m. kindergarten taught by the same teacher can be considered as one class).

The number of projects which can be entered per grade level is determined by the number of students enrolled in that grade level.

# of students enrolled per grade level	1 - 199	200 - 399	400 - 599
# of projects that can be entered per grade level	1	2	3

Registration:

- The school contact person is responsible for submitting names of entrants.
- Registration is requested electronically. The on-line registration form can be found at <http://www.bnl.gov/education/contests/sciencefair>
- **Late entries cannot be accepted.**
- A registration number will be assigned and sent after registration. It must be clearly displayed on the project.
- Each project must include a completed Summary of Project form prominently displayed on the project.
- The Summary of Project form must be signed on the reverse by a school official (teacher, principal, or science coordinator) who will interview the student and certify that the student completed the work and has a thorough understanding of the project.

Please see the Judges' Rubric for criteria that will be used in judging the projects. The scientific method is a pattern of inquiry that forms a structure for advancing scientific understanding. The process: identify a problem, form a hypothesis, design and conduct an experiment, collect data, analyze results, and form a conclusion. Scientists, using this approach, have answered questions ranging from the simplest to the most complex.

Exhibitors or their representatives are responsible for setting up and removing their displays on the day of the Fair. BNL is not responsible for any projects not collected upon completion of the ceremonies on the day of the Fair. Projects left after 4:30PM on the day of the Fair will be discarded. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Any exhibit that does not meet the project requirements
will not be considered for awards.**

All decisions of the judges are final.

By participating in the BNL Fair, parents agree that photos may be taken of their child and utilized for such purposes as BNL, in its sole discretion, deems appropriate for publicizing the Fair and its results.