

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
2008 Brookhaven National Laboratory
Elementary School Science Fair

Who Can Participate?

- All schools in Suffolk County are eligible to participate.
- Students who have won their school science fair may be entered into the BNL contest by their school coordinator.

Entering a Project:

What can I put on the table with the project?

- Any relevant written materials, plants and equipment. Space is limited so make sure you abide by the size requirements of your display area (See the Project Requirement Checklist).
- You may not display any animals.
- Please do not bring any equipment that requires electricity.

Where should I put my Summary of Project form?

- Attach the Summary of Project form to the front of your project or secure it to the table in front of your project where the judges can easily see it.
- Make sure your registration number is on the front of your project.

Can I have pictures of myself on the project?

- There may be photographs on the project, but not of your face or anyone else's face. You may have your hands in the photo.
- Your name and the name of your school should not be anywhere on the project board or journal.

Day of Event:

Where is the contest located?

- BNL is located on William Floyd Parkway one and a half miles north of exit 68 of the LIE.
- Once you arrive at BNL there will be signs guiding you to Berkner Hall.

How many guests may accompany me to the Fair?

- There is no limit but be aware that the event is very crowded.
- The best time to bring guests is in the afternoon when the projects are available for viewing.

When do I deliver / collect my project?

- Projects should be delivered between 9:00AM and 11:00AM on the day of the contest.
- Projects should be collected after judging is complete at 1:30PM but before 4:30PM.

Projects not picked up by 4:30PM on the day of the Fair will be disposed of.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Can I have someone else drop off / pick up my project for me?

- Yes. The student does not need to attend the fair to participate. Someone else can set up the project for them. If other commitments prevent you from dropping off or picking up the project at the specified times, please make arrangements with someone else to be responsible for your project. (Another attendee from your school, friend or neighbor). BNL cannot be held responsible for projects left behind after the Fair.

Do students need to be present during judging?

- No students are allowed to be present during the judging period which runs from 11:00AM to 1:30PM.
- The building is closed to the public during this interval.
- Any project with moving parts must either run continuously or have a 'start' mechanism that can be easily activated by a judge.

Where can we go during the time the fair is closed for judging?

- There are no facilities open at BNL on the day of the Fair.
- A list of places to eat and visit is available on the day of the Fair.

What time are the award ceremonies?

- 2:15 – 2:30 Kindergarten
- 2:30 – 2:45 First Grade
- 2:45 – 3:00 Second Grade
- 3:00 – 3:15 Third Grade
- 3:15 – 3:30 Fourth Grade
- 3:30 – 3:45 Fifth Grade
- 3:45 – 4:00 Sixth grade

Please note: Photos will be taken during and may be used in publications and on the web.

If you have any other questions please ask your school contact person.