



SAN MATEO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION

Anne Campbell, County Superintendent of Schools

2012 SAN MATEO COUNTY SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING & MATH (STEM) FAIR

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPATING TEACHERS/SCHOOLS

Welcome to the Fair!

Goal/Purpose of the Fair

The goal of this countywide Fair is to foster a greater interest and deeper understanding of science, mathematics and technology through projects developed by students, grades 5 through 12. By providing an opportunity for students to explore a specific topic in depth, we hope they will learn more about that topic – and experience something like what an actual scientist, engineer, or mathematician does in his/her career.

Fair Assistance

Along with our “How to Do Your Science Fair” Workshop on October 13th, we will also be offering individualized assistance. Please contact [Bill Dolyniuk](#) for assistance.

Entry Forms/Abstracts/SRC Forms

This year, students are REQUIRED to register online for the Fair prior to setting up their projects. The online address will be provided after we receive the list of eligible students from the participating school. Deadline: Wednesday, January 25, 2012.

Each student participant should obtain an official entry form from his/her teacher. The form should be carefully filled out and brought with the project during the project check-in days/times. Signatures from their science teacher and parent are required.

An abstract form (included in this packet) is required for all 6th grade through 12th grade projects, and recommended for 5th grade projects.

Projects that include the use of animals or humans (including projects involving human subjects – even if they are only surveys, questionnaires or observations) must follow the Science Fair Guidelines established by the State Humane Association. For projects that involve animals or humans to be eligible for the Bay Area or California State Science Fair, Scientific Research Consent (SRC) forms should be submitted and approved prior to the start of the experiment, and must be submitted directly to the Bay Area Science Fair. Please download the SRC forms from the Bay Area Science Fair web site: <http://www.sfbasf.org/paperwork.html>