

# Upper East Tennessee Science Fair Invitation

January 15, 2009

Dear Science Teacher or Principal;

This letter is an invitation to participate in the **2009 Upper East Tennessee Science Fair** sponsored by the Johnson City Kiwanis Club, ETSU, and Eastman Chemical Company. In an effort to minimize cost and increase efficiency, all necessary information and forms have been made available at the website below:

<http://www.etsu.edu/physics/science-fair.html>

At the website you will find easily downloadable documents (in both MS Word and pdf form) including the following:

- **Rules and Regulations** and **Safety Guidelines**;
- **School Entry Form** to be completed for each grade level;
- **Official Entry Form** to be completed by each student;
- **Form V** for projects using **vertebrate** subjects; and
- **Form H** for projects using **human** subjects.

***Please print and/or photocopy these forms as necessary.***

**NOTE: Please print or type all information on all of the forms. In the past we have had difficulty deciphering some of the handwriting, especially on forms completed by students. Please double check all forms to ensure that they are legible and fully completed.**

**The postmark deadline for submission of forms is Friday, April 17, 2009.**

**The date for this year's science fair is Thursday, April 30, 2009.**

Please pay particular attention to these items:

- The **School Entry Form** says how many entries each school may sponsor according to enrollment: you may not substitute between Biological and Physical Sciences quotas. We are limited to approximately **400 total entries so please submit your forms as early as possible.**
- **Form H (human subjects)** states clearly that school counselors may sign for projects involving behavioral studies and surveys.
- **Form V (vertebrate subjects)** is required for projects using fish, amphibians, reptiles, birds, or mammals. It is not necessary to include **Form V** for human subjects.
- **Form H** and **Form V** require teachers and professionals to confirm that relevant aspects of the project have been discussed with the student before the proposed research was done.
- **Please note that judging will begin at 9:45 AM for this year's fair. All projects must pass a safety / rules inspection. Therefore, it is important to display your projects as early as possible beginning at 7:30 AM. All projects are required to be set up no later than 9:25 AM.**

**We are continuing to update our teacher contact email list to allow electronic mailing of important announcements, reminders, etc. If you would like to be added to this list, simply email me at the address below with a one line request: "Please add my email to the UETSF list".**

Included with this letter is a one page flyer announcing the Science Fair and awards and contact information. Please post or share this flyer with your colleagues and students.

For more information or clarification please contact me directly:

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Sincerely,

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