

****IMPORTANT NOTES****

*****(See Separate Paper on Mailing In Forms)*****

- **Elementary Abstract** – Elementary students will be required to fill out only **ONE** entry form. Please neatly print or type in information. **All information must be legible.** **Also please send in only ONE (1) Copy of this Elementary Abstract Form.**
- **Junior/Senior Forms** – There is information on the website as to what forms are needed. **We do need two (2) copies of the abstract plus one (1) copy of the other forms. ABSTRACT MUST INCLUDE STUDENT'S NAME, SCHOOL, PROJECT TITLE, AND PROJECT INFORMATION – SEE EXAMPLE. SEND COPIES ONLY – KEEP ORIGINALS. Senior Division project that involve human/animal subjects and related material, must get prior approval from SRC/IRB committee BEFORE starting experimentation to be eligible for ISEF consideration. Contact me for more info if needed.**
- **Restricted Items** – We will still be giving elementary projects more leeway than junior and senior division, in what they can have at their display, because they cannot progress onto state competition. We do ask that there be no live animals, or materials that are volatile. Water is ok to have as long as it is in a container that is sealed. Plants are still approved. If you have any questions on this, please contact the director. **For Junior and Senior Division, refer to restricted item list (Guidelines). This does not mean you can't use these items in your project – you just cannot have them at your display on the day of the fair.**
- **Elementary Division** – Elementary division competition is for grades 3rd through 5th. Unless otherwise requested with the paperwork, 6th grade projects will be placed in Junior division. **THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU WANT YOUR 6TH GRADER TO COMPETE IN JUNIOR DIVISION, YOU MUST FILL OUT THE FORMS THAT ARE REQUIRED FOR JUNIOR AND SENIOR TYPE PROJECTS. THIS IS IMPORTANT, AS WINNERS IN JUNIOR AND SENIOR DIVISION PROGRESS ONTO STATE COMPETITION.**
- **Postings** - The date for the 2009 Fair is March 21. (Saturday) There is no check-in at Burton Coliseum. The table assignments will be posted on the west doors of the coliseum the day before the fair as well as on the website about 2 days prior to Fair day.

Deadline for getting in all paperwork is MARCH 16, 2009. (MONDAY)
IF YOU MAIL IN PAPERWORK AND YOU DO NOT SEE EVIDENCE ON THE
WEBSITE THAT I HAVE RECEIVED IT THEN CALL ME ASAP!!!!

- **Sponsors & Help** - If you know of any business or organization that would like to become an official sponsor or provide a special award, please have them contact me. Also, if you would like to help on the day of the Fair, please let me know.
- **Judging** –If you need a judge for your school fair, and would like for me to help out please let me know. I work shift work so I can be available on my days off and some days that I have gotten off of working nights. This applies to our out of Calcasieu Parish schools also. Just drop me an e-mail or call.
- **Awards** - If the student is not planning on staying for the Awards Ceremony, it is recommended that he /she have a representative there (Family member, teacher, classmate, or friend) to pick up any awards that they may garner. I am **NOT** able to mail out awards afterwards.
- **Literary Rally** – If the Literary Rally is on the day of the fair and your student is participating in that event, let me know and we can work with the judging so that he/she can participate in both events.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me day or night. The Science Fair web site: www.lasciencefair.org, has contact information. The more problems that can be addressed ahead of time, means fewer problems on the day of the Fair. Thank you for your support of Louisiana Region 5 Science and Engineering Fair.

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