



Children's
Museum

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Dear Educator:

Our 2nd Annual Science & Technology Fair for students in grades 2nd – 6th will be held at the Children's Museum on Saturday, April 2nd, 2005. We'd like your help in getting the word out to your students, and perhaps including this as a project in your curriculum. As you can see in the description below and in the enclosed Registration Form, students may submit individual projects, submit group projects, or come to the museum that day to take part in museum team projects.

Deadline for registration is March 22, 2005.

Registration: Students should check out all information online with the help of teachers/parents on our fair homepage registration site. www.museum4kids.net/stfair.htm. Students are also required to mail or **Fax** the completed registration sheet to 315-724-6120 as soon as possible to help confirm registrations.

Setup of projects at the Children's Museum 9:30-10:30am Saturday, April 2nd, 2005.

Viewing of exhibits by museum visitors from 10:30am to 3:00pm (exhibit tear-down 3:00-3:30pm)

Fee: Please bring to fair -\$5.00/student. **Judging:** at 1:30pm.

Prizes: Gold, Silver, Bronze, Honorable Mention Medals and certificates awarded to winning entries in each category. All entries get a certificate of participation.

Suggested Project Categories: Astronomy (Planets, Space, Sky Watching), Life Science (Living Things, Animals, Photosynthesis), Earth Science (Minerals, Geology, Fossils), Chemistry (Energy), Biology, Physics, Environment, Health, Communicating Science, Technology, Agriculture, Engineering.

Project Types: 1.) Individual projects may be done with teachers or parents (*as long as child participates fully every step of the way, does most of the project & is prepared to give the report on the project*). 2.) Group science projects involving 4+ students who work cooperatively on the project. 3.) Students may also sign up to work on a Team Science/Technology project in the Children's Museum.

NASA & Office of Science Event: in mid-afternoon on that Saturday, April 2nd, Congressman Sherry Boehlert will be at the museum with a NASA official and an astronaut to view the Science & Technology Fair entries. (check our website for pictures of last year's event and additional information)

As we continue to build our museum's Space Science Education Center, we are aware it is an enjoyably educational experience for youngsters to visit and interact with our 100's of exhibits. We are also aware that, with a recent world study finding U.S. students lagging in science and math, our Center and our SciTech Fair will help boost student's interest in the critical areas of math, science, & technology.

We look forward to working with you and appreciate your help in getting the word out. Thanks.

Sincerely,

Marlene B. Brown

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One of the oldest Children's Museum's in the country, founded in 1963, we're the only Children's Museum in the country to have been adopted by both NASA & Dept. of Energy's Office of Science!