

# Cullman County Science Fair Rules

## General:

- Projects can be done by one person or a team of two people. Team members must be from grades 6-8.
- Only projects completed during the present school year may be entered.
- An abstract IS required and must be turned in with the registration/permission form. Written material concerning your research and relevant information IS REQUIRED.
- Remember: no name of student, teacher or school is to be on the front of the research paper or placed on any part of the project that is visible from the front of the display or while being judged.

## Safety:

- No animal food, human food, or liquids may be displayed unless they are in a sealed container and all lids must be glued or taped so it cannot be opened. Substitutes may be used (example: plastic fruit).
- No animals or any type of pathogenic organisms (examples: bacteria growth, mold, fungus, etc.) may be exhibited. Photographs are acceptable.
- Highly combustible solids, liquids or gases are prohibited. Inert substitutes must be used if such materials are required for display. Tanks which have contained combustible gases are prohibited (example: empty propane tanks). Open flames or highly flammable display materials are not allowed.
- Students must construct all exhibits. The student may have assistance in the construction of a booth and in the use of power tools such as saws or drills. The safety of the student must be taken into account.

## Projects:

- Projects can be entered in the following four categories: (1) Biological/Life, (2) Physical, (3) Earth and Space or (4) Math and Technology.
- The exhibitor must supply all tools and equipment. Only house current will be provided for use in exhibits. Students MUST provide extension cords.
- Materials and construction must be durable. All movable parts must be firmly attached. Instructions for operation of experiment may be displayed. Be sure that it is kept in operation condition for the duration of the fair.
- Normal wear and tear on exhibits is to be expected during the time that the fair is open to the public. For this reason, each exhibitor is advised to protect his/her exhibit as completely as possible. Valuable instruments should be securely fastened.
- Projects cannot be more than 2½ feet deep, 4 feet wide, or 9 feet tall from the floor to the top.

## Disclaimers:

- All equipment and materials exhibited during the Cullman County Science Fair are entered at the risk of the exhibitor. Neither the Cullman County Science Fair Committee nor the cooperating group assume any responsibility for the loss or damage to such equipment and materials.
- Any project NOT picked up after the award ceremony WILL BE placed in the trash at W.S.C.C. that night.

## Judging Criteria:

Scientific Thought: 30%  
Creativity Ability - 20%  
Thoroughness - 20%  
Skill - 10%  
Clarity - 10%  
Dramatic Value - 10%