

# Marin County Elementary Science Fair

## March 26-27, 2012

Vallecito Elementary School  
50 Nova Albion Way  
San Rafael, CA 94903

### Calendar and General Information

**March 26, 2012**  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Projects installed

**March 27, 2012**  
5:30 p.m.

Judging (Closed to the public)

**March 27, 2012**  
4:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

Science Fair open to the public for viewing

**March 27, 2012**  
6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

#### Awards Presentation

- **Grand Prize in each category**
- **Special Recognition to outstanding projects awarded by community groups supporting the sciences.**
- **1st, 2nd, and 3rd in each category for each grade level**

#### Entry Quotas

Entry quotas have been developed; please refer to the School Entry Form for specific information.

#### Categories

Life Science, Physical Science, Behavioral Science, Environmental Science, Math and Computer Science, and Engineering Science.

**Project Proposal:**  
**Due No Later Than**  
**February 10, 2012**

A Project Proposal Form for projects involving human subjects, invertebrate or nonhuman vertebrate animals MUST be completed, submitted and approved if any of the above mentioned are used.

**A Project Proposal Form must be submitted prior to beginning the project and no later than February 10, 2012. If human subjects are involved in the project, a sample of the Informed Consent Form must accompany the Project Proposal Form.**

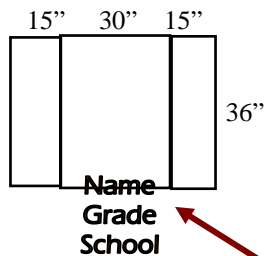
**Project Abstract:**  
**Due No Later Than**  
**March 2, 2012**

The Project Abstract and Completion Certificate, if appropriate, are due no later than **March 2, 2012**.

**Incomplete forms will not be accepted.**

### Project Construction:

**Important!!**



- Work on a project must be done by the student exhibitor.
- Students may seek advice from whatever resource is available.
- The Science Fair Exhibit is open to the public – do not leave valuable items with your project.
- Projects will be displayed on tables. See diagram at left for dimensions. Projects that exceed these dimensions will not be accepted.
- The project must stand by itself and cannot be fastened to the table or walls.
- The entire project must be firmly attached to the display board.
- You may use photographs to document any equipment that has been used. Photographs must not contain face(s) of student(s) or family members.
- Give your project a short descriptive title; use the same title that you submitted on your abstract.
- Name, grade and school must be written on the back of the project at the bottom of the middle section.

### Project Care:

Each exhibitor is advised to protect his/her project as completely as possible. The fair committee will not be responsible for loss or damage to the projects or items attached to it.

### Safety Rules:

1. Projects must be durable with movable parts firmly attached.
2. Dangerous chemicals or drugs, open flames and explosives must not be exhibited.
3. Do not include hypodermic needles, syringes, or any other object that may be a potential danger.
4. No liquids of any kind should be in the exhibit. If water is part of the experiment, then the apparatus must be displayed without water. If there are bottles of sample liquids in the exhibit, they must be empty.
5. Food samples may not be included in the exhibit. Plastic food, photos or drawings may be used in their place.
6. No Petri dishes or text tubes with gel and bacterial colonies may be displayed. Photographs of the results can be used.
7. If gravel, sand and/or dirt are in the display, they must be tightly enclosed and sealed securely.
8. If plants are in the exhibit, they should be completely covered and sealed, including the pot and soil.
9. Mounted birds, mammals, or any stuffed specimens will not be allowed because of the risk of insect infestation.
10. Live animals are not permitted in the project exhibits.

### Project Removal:

**March 27, 2012**

**(After the awards ceremony  
7:30 p.m.)**

Projects must be removed after the awards ceremony. Due to space and other scheduled use of Vallecito gymnasium, projects not removed will be discarded.

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