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Ohio Academy of Science - <http://www.ohiosci.org/>

Science Day Guides and info - <http://www.ohiosci.org/students> & <http://www.ohiosci.org/educators>

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Dear Science Teacher:

The 70th Western Reserve District 5 Science Day will be held at The University of Akron, on Saturday, March 17, 2018 in the Student Union.

Please note: We will only be able to accept the first 400 complete registrations. In 2017, we had 277 registrations.

NEW for 2018 – Updated ISEF and D5 forms, new categories, new display rules (what’s allowed on table), new Judging templates.

REGISTRATION PROCEDURE FOR DISTRICT 5 SCIENCE DAY

1. **The Ohio State Science Day web pages are updated with a wealth of information.** Please review resources here: <http://www.ohiosci.org/educators> (including How to Run a School Science Day and NEW judging templates!) and <http://www.ohiosci.org/students> (Student Guide with the enormously helpful Appendix that explains plans, reports and abstracts, **and first page summary of new rule changes.** (More things allowed at display table!))
2. Students must receive a superior at their local fair in order to participate in the District Science Day.
3. Online registration opens January 8, 2018. Registration fees may be paid online via, or by check or money order*.
 - a. Registration & payment* and STEMWizard form upload must be completed by **Friday February 9, 2018.** <http://uakron.edu/wrsd/register-online.dot>. Follow all steps (STEMWizard Registration, UAkron Registration, Payment).
\$25.00/individual project or \$33.00/2 Person Team project or \$41.00/3 Person Team project
 - b. **ALL INCOMPLETE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ASSESSED A \$10.00 FEE.**
 - c. Registrations & payments uploaded between Feb 10 to Feb 16, 2018 will be **accepted late with a fee of 10.00.**
 - d. Absolutely **no** registrations or projects will be accepted after Friday, February 16, 2018.
 - e. * Please pay online. If you need to mail a check instead, PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO “THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON, WRD5”. Mail to Laurel Lohrey +0301, Science Day Registration, The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio 44325-0301. Mailed checks must be postmarked by Friday, February 16th, 2018. Please write student name(s) and school on check.
4. In order to provide adequate judging, each school is required to furnish TWO judges for each FIVE student projects, one judge for 1-4 projects. (12 projects? Please send 5 judges: 4 judges for 10 projects, plus 1 more judge for remaining 2 projects)
 - a. The judges can be teachers or area professionals. A school may be disqualified from the Outstanding School Award if their judging quota is not met.
 - b. Judges must register online at the website uakron.edu/wrsd/judges.dot
5. Please take the time to review the “**Science Day Standards**” document provided by the Ohio Academy of Science available on <http://www.ohiosci.org/educators>. Also, the “**Student Guide...**”, “**Teacher Guide...**” and “**What is NOT allowed at a Project Display**” are vital documents available on this page. Please review.
6. For help in planning a local science day, please refer to Part IV of the “**Teacher Guide to Science Day**” document, available from this page: <http://www.ohiosci.org/educators>
7. Each student participant should be given a copy of the Science Day Standards, Display Permissions Form, and ISEF and District 5 forms. All can be found at the website uakron.edu/wrsd/forms-download.dot. (available soon)

I hope you and your students will be able to participate.

Sincerely,

Ali Dhinojwala, Director, Western Reserve District 5 Science Day