



OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

2007 Buena Vista Annual Family Science Fair
Sponsored by the BVPTA

This is due in the office by February 9th!

You may pick up your free display board anytime after you turn in this form.

Student

Name(s) _____

Grade _____ Room # _____ Teacher _____

Category:

- _____ 1. Model
- _____ 2. Collection
- _____ 3. Observation
- _____ 4. Demonstration of a scientific principle
- _____ 5. Experiment using the Scientific Method. (You will receive special information to help you organize your experiment if you choose this category.)

Project Title:

Brief Description:

Special Needs:

Access to an electrical outlet? _____ (You will need to provide your own cord.)

Other (explain)

Parent's Signature:

Thanks for participating in the Science Fair! The purpose of the Science Fair is to encourage students to develop a greater interest in science and technology and to develop skills in critical thinking, research, problem solving and the use of the Scientific Method. Students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade are welcome to participate and we encourage parents to assist their resident scientist(s). Projects can be a simple **collection** or **model**, a scientific **observation** or **demonstration**, or an **experiment**.

This is a non-competitive fair and projects will not be "judged" but each student participant should be able to explain the project and what was learned. Small group projects (up to 3 students) are welcome. **The Science Fair is Thursday evening, February 22nd, from 7:00 to 9:00. Projects can be set up anytime during the day, from 7:45 to 6:00.**

While teachers will be available to advise students, the initiative and responsibility belong to the young scientist. Science Fair projects are not to be last-minute-hurry-up-and-finish assignments. We want it to be an enjoyable learning experience for all participants. Give yourself plenty of time to work on the project. **Remember, the deadline for submitting an entry form is February 9th** but you should be working on your project long before that date! You will receive an up-date in February with details regarding set-up for the Science Fair, the evening schedule and take-down.

Please pay special attention to the Display Guidelines on the other side of this sheet. Take care to include your name, grade and room number on the front of your display board. Avoid writing or drawing directly on the board - it's there to hold what you've written and/or drawn, photos and other "stuff". Mount these various things on poster board and then attach it to the display board. If you are doing an experiment you should follow the Scientific Method using the following key headings:
QUESTION - HYPOTHESIS - PROCEDURE - RESULTS - CONCLUSION.

If you and/or your student have questions please contact **Debórah Walker** at school during the day or at 944-6423 in the evening. Go to www.buenavistapta.org/sciencefair.html or www.walnutcreeksd.org/bv (go to Programs/Science) for more detailed information, including some helpful definitions and resources, process skills, and an explanation of the Scientific Method.

Several other web sites to check out:

<http://school.discovery.com/sciencefaircentral/jvc/>

<http://all-science-fair-projects.com/>

<http://www.ipl.org/youth/projectguide/>