



# Austin Energy Regional Science Festival 2017

## IMPORTANT GUIDELINES AND CHANGES

### ELEMENTARY DIVISION

Elementary Schools must finalize their online registrations, submit all paperwork before **February 2, 2017**.

**EVERY PROJECT NEEDS AN ELEMENTARY PROJECT RESEARCH FORM**  
**EVERY STUDENT NEEDS AN SIGNED CODE OF CONDUCT/MEDIA RELEASE**  
SUBMITTED WITH THE SCHOOL REGISTRATION PACKET.

Parking will be free of charge for all participants at the Palmer Events Center Garage. There will be a school fee of **\$45 per school** plus a Project Registration Fee of **\$15 per project**. Due to space limitations the number of projects per school is as follows:

NUMBER OF STUDENTS	NUMBER OF PROJECTS
0-499	12 projects maximum
500-699	14 projects maximum
700-899	16 projects maximum
900+	18 projects maximum

**REMINDER:** Students are NOT allowed to do projects that involve growing any mold or bacteria PERIOD. NO HUMAN OR ANIMAL FOOD IS ALLOWED ON THE PROJECT BOARD OR IN THE PROJECT DISPLAY AREA (not even in sealed bags or containers) for any grade level.

### PROJECTS THAT ARE NOT ALLOWED

No student in the Elementary Division will be allowed to design and conduct any science project that involves:

- projects where the student has grown **mold** or **bacteria** of any kind (no moldy food studies etc)
- firearms, explosives or discharge air pressure canister devices (i.e. potato guns)
- causing pain, suffering, sickness or death of an animal
- any activity or substance that presents a danger to the student or the environment, including hazardous chemicals or radioactive materials

### PROBLEM PAPERWORK AND LATE FEES

Incorrect and incomplete school paperwork, as well as missed deadlines, cause a great deal more work for teachers, parents, and Science Festival organizers. Due to space limitations, late registration will not be permitted.

### Where to Get the Forms You Need

Austin Energy Regional Science Festival Code of Conduct/Media Release Forms, as well as the Elementary Project Research Form, can be downloaded from [www.sciencefest.austinenergy.com](http://www.sciencefest.austinenergy.com).

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**Common Problems Found with Registration Packets:**

- Student is registered online in the wrong grade level
- Original, signed student Austin Energy Code of Conduct/Media Release Form is not submitted
- Students forget to submit the “Elementary Project Research Form.”

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