

Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair
Saturday, February 28, 2009
Paper Registration Form for Grades 7-12

The Western Minnesota Regional Research Paper Competition is open to all students in Grades 7-12 who have done either experimental or library research. Each student researches a topic of interest to him/or her and writes about that research.

TYPES OF RESEARCH PAPERS:

a. An **INVESTIGATIVE RESEARCH PAPER** is the report of an actual experiment that the student has performed. Many students write a research paper on their science project.

b. A **LIBRARY RESEARCH PAPER** is a report on other people's work documented by library sources. It is expected the paper involves some kind of research into an area where there is question and evidence is waged scientifically. It is not to be a paper that simply describes a particular topic. Where there is controversy, the student should take a stand, which he or she supports based upon the information available, from the library references.

The judging process for research papers in this Region involves judging prior to the fair.

1. Each entrant must send in:
 - a. Two (2) typewritten copies of the paper. (Be sure the student keeps a copy).
 - b. One (1) registration form.
 - c. A check or money order for **\$12** made out to Western Minnesota Regional Science Fair, (non-refundable.)
2. Papers must be stapled—**NO BINDERS**.
3. Each paper must have a **Title Page** containing the following information:
 - a. Title of the paper (Please keep it short—one line.)
 - b. The student's name
 - c. School
 - d. Grade and age
 - e. Category of research (See the abstract form)
 - f. Type of paper—investigative (experimental) or library research.
 - g. Advisor's name
4. Paper length is limited to no more than 8 pages of text, double-spaced, 12 characters per inch or larger with one inch margins minimum. This excludes the title page, abstract, bibliography, and appendices.
5. The abstract should come directly after the title page.
6. Any paper not following these rules will not get beyond the first round of judging.
7. **INVESTIGATIVE PAPERS MUST STAY WITHIN ISEF AND REGIONAL FAIR RULES!**

8. Judging:
 - a. Papers will be evaluated to determine if the student needs more basic work. Poor spelling, format, grammar, and bibliography are common problems.
 - b. The best papers will be chosen to compete at the Minnesota State Science Fair. These papers will be announced at the award ceremony at the Regional Science Fair on Feb. 28, 2009. Papers entered in the State Fair will require oral presentations.
 - c. Other paper awards will also be given at this time, and all papers will be returned only if obtained immediately after the fair. The regional fair director will not mail papers out to participants.

9. Please submit papers as soon as possible. **PAPERS RECEIVED AFTER the deadline of Feb. 16, 2009, WILL NOT BE JUDGED. DO NOT SEND BY THIRD CLASS MAIL!**

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Moorhead, MN 56563**

PLEASE NOTE: Teachers, you may send as many papers together as you wish, but be sure that the work of each student is complete.

One check may cover the registration fees for all papers or you may send separate checks for each paper. **PLEASE INCLUDE A LIST OF STUDENTS COVERED BY ONE CHECK.**

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1. Please complete the entire Registration Form. Team papers will be accepted.
Absolute deadline for submission is February 16, 2009. Papers received after this date will not be judged.
2. Enclose the following with your entry:
 - a. Registration Form (1 copy). **FILL OUT COMPLETELY.**
 - b. Two (2) typed copies of the paper.
 - c. Check or money order made out to WMR Science Fair for **\$12** per paper (non-refundable).
3. **INVESTIGATIVE PAPERS** must stay within ISEF and Regional Fair Project Rules.
4. Remember—papers are limited to 8 pages of text, double-spaced, 12 characters per inch or larger, one-inch margins excluding the title page, abstract, bibliography and appendices. The paper must be stapled.
5. Mail all forms and checks or money orders to:

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Type of Research: Investigative Project _____ Library Research _____

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT AND KEEP PAPER TITLE SHORT:

Paper Title _____

Category (CHOOSE ONE):

- _____ Animal Sciences _____ Behavioral & Social Science _____ Biochemistry
_____ Cellular and Molecular Biology _____ Chemistry _____ Computer Science
_____ Earth Science _____ Eng. Electrical and Mechanical
_____ Eng. Materials and Bioengineering _____ Energy and Transportation
_____ Environmental Management _____ Environmental Sciences
_____ Mathematical Sciences _____ Medicine and Health _____ Microbiology
_____ Physics and Astronomy _____ Plant Sciences

STUDENT PARTICIPANT:

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M. _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip code _____

Grade _____ Age _____ Home Telephone _____

Student Email Address _____ County _____

School _____ School Telephone _____

Sch. Address _____ Sch. Fax _____

City _____ Zip code _____

Advisor _____ Adv. Telephone _____

Advisor Email Address _____