2012 California State Science Fair Alternate Projects

Congratulations! Your project has been selected as an alternate to represent the San Mateo County Science Fair at the California State Science Fair, April 30 - May 1, 2012, which is held at the California Science Center in Exposition Park, just south of downtown Los Angeles. As an alternate, your application will be accepted if space is available within your fair's allocation after qualified projects are accepted. You must still meet the same application deadline as for qualified projects.

The California State Science Fair is the final science fair of the academic year for students in grades 6-12 throughout the State of California. This year nearly 1000 students from every corner of the State are expected to compete for approximately $60,000 in total awards and scholarships.

How to Apply: The application to the California State Science Fair is online. There is no paper application. Simply visit the CSSF web site at

`http://www.usc.edu/CSSF/`

and click on the link near the top entitled "Electronic Application Process." The first thing to do is *download and read the Official Application Packet*. After completing your application, you should *not* at that time mail anything to the Fair, but should wait for further instructions from the Fair. In particular, *do not send* in an Application Fee until you are instructed by the Fair to do so.

Submission Deadline: You must submit your application to the California State Science Fair no later than Monday, Mar 19. Your application is considered "submitted" when you push the "submit" button on the application's final page. Confirmation will appear shortly thereafter on the Fair's web site.

When will you know whether you are accepted or not?
Decisions on all alternates will be made no later than Sunday, April 15, and will be communicated to the email address you provide on your application. (Acceptances, but not rejections, will also be posted to the Fair's web site at the same time.) If you are accepted, you must then send the $30 Application Fee, signed Signature Card (available on the web site), and possibly a Certification Form if your project used human subjects or vertebrate animals, via US mail or private delivery service to:

California State Science Fair
California Science Center
700 Exposition Park Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90037

For Further Information: Download the complete Application Packet from our web site above.