



Dear Teachers, Students, and Parents:

Thank you for your interest in Tate's 13<sup>th</sup> Regional Science Fair. This year ***the event will take place on April 15-17, 2012.*** The Regional Science Fair is an outstanding opportunity for elementary school students to prepare an experiment and display their results. Every student participating in our fair will have the opportunity to dialog with local scientists and gain meaningful scientific knowledge about their project and ideas for possible extensions of their discoveries. All third, fourth, and fifth graders in the East Tennessee area are welcome to participate.

You will find all the registration materials needed for the fair on our website at [www.tatesschool.com](http://www.tatesschool.com). You may download and print copies of all forms and information provided on the website. Teachers and parents: please make sure you read all information carefully with your students.

**All entries must be received at Tate's School on or before Friday, March 9, 2012 by 3:30 p.m. and should include the following items:**

1. Entry Form
2. \$15 registration fee (*Make checks out to TSOD Foundation*)
3. Abstract (*New Form-available for download on the Tate's website*)

Thank you for participating in our fair! We hope this will be a memorable experience for each child.

Sincerely,

**Teri Ferguson**

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Science Fair Director

## ***TATE'S REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR***

### ***RULES***

1. Each contestant may enter only one exhibit. Team projects may be displayed and judged for Special Awards. Team projects will not be judged in the Science Fair Division Awards, that includes the Grand Prize Awards. Each school may enter a maximum of 36 projects.
2. Projects must be age-appropriate and must not put the student in danger of injury to self or others. No project will be accepted that causes harm to any living creature.
3. Anything, which could be hazardous, is **PROHIBITED** as a part of the display at the science fair. This includes, but is not limited to: disease causing organisms; open flames; sharp objects; flammable substances; dangerous chemicals or drugs (including household cleaners); live creatures; preserved vertebrate animals or parts (including embryos or teeth); and operation of Class III or IV lasers.
4. All non-hazardous liquids must be contained and covered to eliminate any possibility of spilling.
5. Displays should not exceed the basic dimensions of 48 inches wide by 18 inches deep. These are maximum dimensions. Students are able to enter smaller displays. Each display should include a display board, a data logbook, and a final report.
6. All participants must download an **Abstract** from the website, complete it, and return it with their entry form. Abstracts will be placed next to each project by a science fair volunteer.
7. Participants are encouraged to use photos on their display board or report; however, the student's face should not be visible.
8. Neither the student's name, nor the school's name should be visible anywhere on the display board, data logbook, or in the final report.