



**51st Annual
San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair
2009 Special Awards**

BP America

Making a Difference Award

Griffin Williams	Solar Effects on Windmills	Dolores Middle School
Zofie Mandelski	Wind Belt Wonder	Saint Columba School

La Plata Electric Association

Honoring projects that promote energy efficiency and conservation, sustainable development and renewable energy.

Kristin Campbell	Alternative Power Sources	Cortez Middle School
Easton Chapelle	Solar Batteries	Mancos Middle School
Taylor Elder	Mileage Mania	Dolores Middle School
Angela Gallegos	Steam Power is the New Green	Pagosa Springs Junior High
Logan Graham	The Effects of Magnesium Chloride De-Icer on Plants	Miller Middle School
Darren Hoselton	What Forest Materials Burn Fastest In a Forest Fire?	Bayfield Middle School
Nathan Langford	Research and Development of an Alternative Fuel - Compressed Air	Escalante Middle School
Aryanna Lee	Killer Pollution	Mancos Middle School
Jordan Lestina	Phase II - Biodiesel from Sunflowers: An Analysis of Soil Moisture	Dove Creek High School
Evatt Salinger	Solar Cannery	Escalante Middle School
Kenna Tarr	From Air to Sparks	Cortez Middle School
Ilima Umbhau	Ocean Wave Energy: Oscillating Water Column	Miller Middle School
Emily Walck	The Essential Characteristics of Water	Cortez Middle School
Team: Emily Harris Lauren Mirhashemi	Hunk of Burnin' Gas	Dolores Middle School
Team: Nicole Brothers Jamie Urban	Get It Started	Grace Preparatory Academy
Team: Hayley Anderson Kelly Looman	What Comes Around Goes Around	Saint Columba School



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Samir Berrada	The Laser Car	Cortez Middle School
Austin Beanland	Materials vs. Fire	Dove Creek Middle School
Nathan Langford	Research and Development of an Alternative Fuel - Compressed Air	Escalante Middle School
Jordan Lestina	Phase II - Biodiesel from Sunflowers: An Analysis of Soil Moisture	Dove Creek High School
Kolton Miller	Bear-icade	Mancos Middle School
Jonathan Walck	Rustling with Rust	Cortez Middle School
Griffin Williams	Solar Effects on Windmills	Dolores Middle School
Zane Willburn	Water Purification Off the Grid	Mancos Middle School
Team: Ethan Thompson Moki Youngquist	A. Killer	Dolores Middle School

Ignacio Space Camp

Danny Jaques, Chief Space Cadet, is sponsoring an all expense paid trip to Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama for the student with the project that has the best application to Space Sciences.

1 st Place – Trip to Space Camp	Zane Willburn	Mancos Middle school
2 nd Place – 1 st Alternate for Space Camp	Laura Mummery	Saint Columba School
3 rd Place – 2 nd Alternate for Space Camp	Emily Sandner	Saint Columba School

Colorado Geological Survey

CGS has donated three copies of the book Messages in Stone for the top projects in the 6th Grade and Junior Division Earth and Space Sciences Category.

Garrett Kiesel	Melting Glaciers	Saint Columba School
Kendra Schlom	Finding the Origin	Pagosa Springs Junior High

Durango Discovery Museum

Durango Discovery Museum provided admission passes to their summer weekend events at the Powerhouse in Durango for projects demonstrating interactivity and inventiveness.

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Alina Umberger	Volleyocity	Dolores Middle School



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Ecosphere Environmental Services

Ecosphere awarded \$50 to an outstanding 6th Grade Division Environmental Sciences project.

Joss Sitter

River Erosion

Saint Columba School

Kiwanis Spirit Award

Kiwanis of Durango presented the Kiwanis Spirit Award, providing \$150 and \$50 scholarships (respectively) to the best and runner-up projects that demonstrated spirit, enthusiasm, and community involvement.

La Plata Historical Society/Animas Museum

Free family admission certificates for the projects with best application to anthropology or archaeology.

Miceal Allsup

Freezing Seeds

Cortez Middle School

Mary Hughes

Preserved Through Time

Cortez Middle School

Maria's Bookstore

Maria's Bookstore provided gift cards for the first place winners of the art and creative writing contests.

San Juan Citizens Alliance

SJCA provided \$25 and a book to an outstanding conservation project.

Zane Willburn

Water Purification Off the Grid

Mancos Middle School

Sugnet & Moore Environmental

Sugnet & Moore awarded \$50 to an outstanding Junior Division Environmental Sciences project.

United Blood Services From the Heart Award

United Blood Services presented the From the Heart Award, providing \$150 and \$100 scholarships (respectively) for outstanding Junior and 6th Grade Division projects.

Alex Archuleta

Food & Exercise vs. Male & Female

Mancos Middle School

Avra Saslow

Which Spoils Faster: Organic or Non-Organic Milk?

Miller Middle School



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United States Air Force

USAF provided awards to the top Engineering projects.

Kolton Miller

Bear-icade

Mancos Middle School

Samir Berrada

The Laser Car

Cortez Middle School

Jesse Ellision

Plasma Propulsion III

Bayfield High School