



**52nd Annual
San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair
2010 Judge Information**

Dear Prospective Science Fair Judge,

The 2010 San Juan Basin Regional Science Fair is being held on **Thursday, March 4th** at the La Plata County Fairgrounds in Durango, Colorado. The Science Fair is open to students in 6th through 12th grades from Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties.

We are in need of qualified people to assist with judging our students' science exhibits. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the education of our local young people. You do not need to be an expert to be a good judge. All that is necessary is a willingness to spend time with students on the day of the fair, and a basic understanding of science and scientific methods. Judges conduct interviews with students about their projects, review exhibits, and ultimately select the winning entries.

Cash prizes or savings bonds will be awarded to the best individual projects in each of several exhibit categories that represent different scientific disciplines. Special awards are also available to outstanding entries identified in certain categories or subjects, including a trip to the Space Camp in Huntsville, Alabama for the best project with application to Space Sciences. The top twenty projects from our region are qualified to compete at the Colorado Science and Engineering Fair in Fort Collins in April.

The Regional Science Fair will be organized with judging teams assigned to evaluate and rank student projects. Within these teams, judges may choose to work individually, in pairs or in small groups. Some of our judges have indicated they prefer to work with another person who has more technical expertise than they to help evaluate the more advanced projects. Some have indicated they would prefer being paired with someone like a teacher or a coach to help them communicate more effectively with young students. If you have any such requests or concerns, please let me know.

Enclosed please find the *Judge Form* to complete and return if you would like to participate. We encourage everybody to sign up with a friend or colleague, and there is a place to indicate on the form if you would like us to send information to someone else. We are asking judges to plan to stay all day, from 7:30AM until approximately 3:30PM when the final decisions have been made. However, if you would like to participate for just part of the day, your help is still very much needed and appreciated. Please indicate on the form the times that you are available.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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P.S. We are also looking for non-judge volunteers. If you would like to help as a volunteer, please refer to the Volunteer Form.

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