Dear State Science Day Student:

On behalf of The Ohio Academy of Science, its members, and the Board of Trustees, welcome to the 71st State Science Day. Congratulations on being part of this important milestone in Ohio’s science history. Please read this information carefully and use it as a reference to understand everything you need to know about State Science Day 2019. Here are the links for the State Science Day Schedule and the State Science Day Program. These links, along with more information can also be found on the State Science Day Page at www.ohiosci.org/ssd. Please check this site frequently for updates and possible changes.

Helpful Reminders

Date:     May 11, 2019
Time:     7:00 AM to 2:30 PM
Place:    French Field House, 460 Woody Hayes Dr., Columbus, OH 43210
Parking: Parking and maps can be found here

Please dress comfortably. French Field House is not a climate-controlled building and it’s affected by the outside weather. Typically, this means the building will be warm and humid. Have a good breakfast, bring a light snack and something to drink. Please be respectful of our host and properly dispose of any waste.

Project Set-up: There is no onsite registration or check-in and students go directly to their space assignments (these can also be found in the State Science Day program. Projects can be set up on Friday between 3 PM and 8 PM, or on Saturday morning between 7 AM and 8 AM. Parents and teachers need to leave the floor by 8 AM. After this time, only judges, staff, volunteers, and students will be permitted in the exhibit area and this will be strictly enforced.

Due to code restrictions, chairs are not permitted in the student exhibit area and please do not sit on the exhibit tables. If you need special accommodations due to a medical condition, please call The Ohio Academy of Science at 614-389-2182 prior to May
6th. If you become ill or need any assistance, please inform a judge, volunteer, OSU Red Coat or staff member to contact the attending medical personnel.

For all information pertaining to project display requirements and for a list of all items that are both permitted as well as prohibited, please refer to the OAS Science Day Standards. These are the same rules governing the District Science Days.

Judging

**Sponsored Award Judging:** During registration, you were provided an opportunity to sign up for these considerations. At your exhibit space, there will be a list of awards you signed up for. Please keep track of the judges you speak with that are representing award sponsors. Sponsored Award judges will have a white lanyard with green lettering.

Sponsored Awards judges are not required to interview every student project that registers for their award. Also, please be aware that you may be interviewed and considered for a sponsored award or scholarship that you did not register for. This is at the award providers discretion. There is no reason to seek out Ohio Academy of Science staff or volunteers about interviews with Sponsored Awards judges.

Sponsored Award judging will begin at approximately 8:15 AM.

**State Science Day Judging:** These are the judges that will evaluate your project based on the criteria contained on the Science Day Judging Cards. These are identical to the judging cards used at District Science Day. To view the complete set of all judging cards, please visit www.ohiosci.org/ssd. State Science Day judges will have a blue lanyard with white lettering.

State Science Day Judging will begin at 9:00 AM.

*There will be a general announcement at the end of project judging for both Sponsored Awards and State Science Day. This will conclude all judging. Please remember, that a Sponsored Award judge may have elected to not interview or judge your project despite registering for their award. As mentioned before, this is at the discretion of the sponsor. The goal is for all judging to conclude before 1:00 PM.*

Awards Ceremony

Dave Mazza (Chief Meteorologist) from WCHM NBC 4 TV will MC the 2019 State Science Day Awards Ceremony. Also, there will be a very special "surprise guest" that will represent The Ohio State University.
All students are encouraged to attend the Awards Ceremony to celebrate each other’s success. However, attendance is not required. At the ceremony, The Harold C. Shaw Awards will be presented to schools for their outstanding team achievement. Perhaps your school will be selected! Here is the list of schools that are eligible in 2019.

The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority will award a total of $12,500 in College Advantage 529 Awards to 12 different students in grades 5-6. So, if you’re a 5th or 6th grade student that receives a Superior, please stay! If you are recognized with a 529 Award, you will need to process paper work in order to receive the award. So being in attendance will help you expedite this process!

Students that are recognized with the Lynn E. Elfner Young Scientist Award will want to be in attendance. In addition to receiving the award named after Dr. Elfner, there will be a group photo opportunity and one lucky student will be drawn for an additional $100 award during the Award Ceremony!

Multi-Year Awards will also be presented to 4, 5, 6, and 7-year awardees. Students will be notified in advance if they will be recognized.

Best wishes for a successful State Science Day,

Mr. Michael E. Woytek
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The Ohio Academy of Science