2015 Event Guidelines

Competition Schedule
There will be six regional competitions held across the state of Kansas and one statewide competition. The schedule for the competitions is as follows:

- October 1, 2015 – Southwest Region (Garden City High School, Garden City, Kan.)
- October 6, 2015 – Northwest Region (Colby Community College, Colby, Kan.)
- October 22, 2015 – North-Central Region (Cloud Community College, Concordia, Kan.)
- October 27, 2015 – Southeast Region (Allen County Community College, Iola, Kan.)
- October 28, 2015 – Northeast Region (Greenbush Education Service Center, Eudora, Kan.)
- November 2, 2015 – South-Central Region (Augusta High School, Augusta, Kan.)
- November 19, 2015 – Statewide (KU Medical Center, Kansas City, Kan.)

For each of the regional competitions, team registration and set up will begin at 4:30 p.m. Public viewing and judging will begin at 5:00 p.m. The event will conclude at 7:30 p.m. with the announcement of the winning team.

Investigation and Design
Night @ The Lab projects will be completed in teams of three. Schools may be represented at the regional competition by more than one team. Projects must be completed with full participation from all team members. Teams will receive a topic that focuses on the topic of cancer. Topics will be received no more than 3 weeks prior to the regional Night @ The Lab event. Findings must reflect valid evidence, thoughts and experiences of team members, and knowledge gained from the participation in this project.

Acceptable Resources
Information for reports and displays must come from trusted sources. It is very important when conducting research that information is correct. Students must document each source used during their presentation. Please refer to the Team Summary Page (to be received after registration) for a list of reliable sources; there are many more sources out there so please do not feel obligated to use only those listed.
Display
Module displays should attract and inform as well as make the most use of space with clear and concise information. The display may be traditional or non-traditional. It is a powerful way to share what you have learned. Remember to be CREATIVE!

- Each team is responsible for acquiring a display board
  - Display boards must be a standard 36” x 48” corrugated trifold display board.
  - Boards are not to be cut down in any way
- Each team will have a table for their display
- Teams must specify ahead of time if they will need access to power outlets, technology, etc.
- Name of school and names of all team members must be on the display in a print font (i.e. no script fonts)

Presentation
Students must prepare a 2-3 minute oral presentation to share with spectators and judges. Teams will be giving their presentation several times throughout the night. Remember to begin each presentation with introductions. Be prepared to answer questions during or after the presentation.

  Team members must:
  - Have a speaking role
  - Dress professional the evening of the science fair
    - For males (slacks, khakis, polo)
    - For females(dress pants, dress shirt, sweater)
    - No jeans and no bling
  - Speak clearly

Judging
Presentations will be judged by a panel of community volunteers. Each presentation will be judged on content of presentation, professionalism, creativity, and group participation. The top team from each regional competition will advance to the statewide competition at The University of Kansas Medical Center in Kansas City, Kan. on November 19, 2015.

Statewide Competition
Overnight accommodations and meals will be provided by the KU Medical Center Area Health Education Center. Teams will give their presentations to KU Medical Center faculty. A panel of medical experts will judge the presentations and a winner will be announced at the end of the event.
In addition to the competition on the morning of November 19, 2015, team members will receive a tour and a behind the scenes look at what goes on at the KU Medical Center. Tour will make a stop at the KU Medical Center Bookstore, students will be responsible for purchasing their own items.

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