

2017 SCIENCE FAIR INFORMATION

It's time for interested students to prepare science projects in anticipation of science fairs in 2017. Following is the schedule for upcoming science fair activities:

- February 17 Deadline for registration to Montana Tech Regional Science and Engineering Fair (Friday)
- February 23 Silver Bow Montessori School Science Fair** (Thursday)
- February 27 Montana Tech Regional Science and Engineering Fair (Division II, Grades 5-8)** (Tuesday)
- February 24 Deadline for application to Billings Science Expo
- March 24-25 Billings Science Expo (grades 1 and up, but *teams not allowed*)**
- March 27 Montana State Science Fair (Missoula, for blue ribbon winners at MT Tech fair grades 6+ only)

Science fair projects are challenging for elementary students and are most doable by **fourth to sixth year students**. The elementary classroom's policy on science fair participation is as follows:

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| Fifth and sixth years | Very strongly encouraged |
| Fourth years | Encouraged to try something |
| Third years | Invited to try something if a student really wants to |
| First and second years | Very optional |

For fifth and sixth year students, the science fair has evolved into a competitive event with a strong emphasis on experimental method and effective procedure/documentation. The younger the student, the more the science project can be just a fun demonstration.

The initial focus for all interested students will be the **SBM school science fair**. Please let a teacher know if you are interested in helping with the school science fair or with helping to mentor a student.

The **Montana Tech Science and Engineering Fair** is open only to students *grades five and older*. Teams are allowed in the junior division of the MT Tech fair.

During several past years, some SBM families and teachers have made a trip to Billings for the **Billings Science Expo**. This can be a great event and is the only opportunity in Montana for students in grades one through four to compete in an Intel International Science & Engineering Fair - affiliated regional science fair. The event includes a guest scientist lecture and interactive science exhibits. Application packages are available online. This event is totally optional for students. <http://www.billingsclinic.com/scienceexpo/>.