

*Western Upper Peninsula Center  
for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education*

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Copper Country & Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School Districts and Michigan Technological University  
Serving schools and communities in Houghton, Baraga, Gogebic, Ontonagon and Keweenaw Counties

Dear Science Fair Teacher

Thank you for your interest in participating in the Eighth Annual Western Upper Peninsula Science Fair. The fair will be held on Monday, March 30, 2009 at the Memorial Union Ballroom on Michigan Tech's campus from 4:00-8:30 pm. Students in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade can submit projects on an experiment they conducted on any topic of interest. The students must follow the scientific method. Your guidance is crucial here. The Student Planning Guide provides information about the science fair and the worksheets that will lead your students through the scientific method and the writing of the report. The construction of science fair project is an excellent way to teach the scientific method. Students may work individually on a project or in a group of two. There will be separate competition categories for groups and individuals in each grade level. The guidance of the classroom teacher is key to the success of the science fair.

**Student Planning Guide:** We ask that each teacher to make copies of the Student Planning Guide for their students to use. The registration forms are found in the back of the planning guide. The Student Planning Guide, registration forms, science fair information, pictures from last year's science fair and list of helpful websites can be found on the Center's website (<http://wupcenter.mtu.edu>).

**Display Boards:** Standard size white display boards are available for science fair projects at \$2.00 each. Please contact Loret at 482-0331 or [loret@copperisd.org](mailto:loret@copperisd.org) with the number that you will need.

**Awards:** There will not be an awards ceremony on the night of the fair. By Wednesday April 1, 2009, award ribbons and a complete list of award winners will be distributed to all participating teachers. We are asking teachers to recognize award winners in their classroom.

**Registration:** The number of projects that can enter the Western UP Science Fair is 250 on a first-come first-serve basis. All projects must meet the general rules and requirements given in the Student Planning Guide. A complete Science Project Registration Form is required for each project and this form must have your signature. Each student participant must also turn in a signed Parent Consent Form. There are separate forms for individual and group projects are found in the back of the Student Planning Guide. Please make sure your students use the correct form. **Registration forms and parent consent forms must be return by Friday, Feb 27, 2009 to:**

Loret Roberts, Western UP Center  
P.O. Box 270, Hancock MI  
906-482-1931(fax)

If you have more than 10 registration forms, please do not fax but send them in interschool mail or U.S. mail.

**Questions:** please contact me at 906-482-0331 or [shawn@copperisd.org](mailto:shawn@copperisd.org)

Thank you.



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