



Fireside Academy Educational Fairs



General Information

Fireside Academy Community Co-Op for Homeschoolers will be hosting our annual educational fair on Friday, February 19th, 2009. Our fairs are designed to enrich and reward the homeschooling experience for our children.

We offer three categories within our fair:

Science, including technology **Social Studies**, including history and geography **Fine Arts**, including Crafts

Students may enter projects in any or all of these fairs. While many students choose to do special research projects with the Fairs in mind, some students choose to enter projects from their classes at the co-op and beyond. More information on entry category options follows on another page.

We have created specific judging guidelines geared specifically for each fair. The more important overall goal is that students explore the subject matter well while preparing for the fair and can show evidence through their work and interview. Projects are expected to be done at a level appropriate for the student's age and abilities, giving a feeling of accomplishment and success throughout the process. **Parental help should be minimal.** The judging process will include an interview with each participant. The interviews will be scheduled so that participants can submit entries in more than one Fair and still be available for judging in each.

Each entry will be awarded points based on the guidelines of the specific fair. Each student will receive one participation certificate for each fair they enter. Judging is not competitive between students, but rather based on a point system for established criteria. Students will also receive a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place ribbon for each entry, provided they achieve the appropriate number of points needed. In addition to the ribbons, special awards will be given by the judges by category.

Participation fees are as follows: \$5 for the first entry, and \$3 per entry afterwards, per student. Registration forms will be in the December and January newsletter, and will also be available on the website. Each Fireside membership includes one free \$5 entry fee per family. Checks should be made payable to "Fireside Academy."

Registration Deadlines: Early registration for Fireside families will be accepted through **January 19th**. At that time, we will open registration to the surrounding homeschooling community. Space is limited.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY FEBRUARY 2nd. NO ENTRIES WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT TIME.

Absolutely NO WALK-IN registrations will be allowed!

Date: Friday, February 19th, 2009

Location: Carpenter's Community Church, 4601 Newburg Road, Nazareth, PA 18064

The **schedule** for the night of the Educational Fairs:

4-5pm-	Exhibit Set-Up
5-7pm-	Judges Interviews with Participants
7-8pm-	Various games for the children while results are being tabulated
8-8:30pm-	Award Presentations
8:30-9pm-	Clean Up

All registrations can be submitted on a Tuesday to the front desk, or mailed to:
Fireside Academy, 1928 S. 2nd St, Allentown, PA 18103

Please contact Angela Landis, of the Educational Fairs Committee, with any questions, at all4reagan@rcn.com