

SHINE Science Fair Entry Form  
March 17, 2018 9am-12pm

Fill out one form per applicant. Deadline to turn in form is March 10th.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry fee, \$7, must be paid by deadline March 10th. Payment can be made by check or cash.

Has applicant participated in a Science Fair before? Yes No

I have read and agree to follow the Science Fair Guidelines. Yes No

We are in need of volunteers to help make our science fair happen. If you would like to serve, let us know. \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear SHINE families,

We are excited to announce our upcoming science fair. We would enjoy seeing as many SHINers participate as possible.

Science Fair: Saturday, March 17, 2018  
9am-12pm  
St. Paul Evangelical Church  
108 S Main St, Cibolo, TX 78108

Deadline to Enter: March 10th, 2018

Cost: \$7 per participant  
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What is a Science Fair?

A science fair is an event where participants present the results of their scientific investigations.

What makes up a Science Fair?

Participants: Any student age 5 and doing kindergarten work through 12th grade. Participants must be able to present( explain in detail) their experiment on their own to a judge. Reminder, parents may not assist with any of the explanation during judging.

Requirements/Guidelines: Each participant must follow the scientific method and prepare a display on a tri-fold display board. Collections of items are not allowed. Evidence of all 5 steps of the scientific method needs to be clearly shown on the display board.

Judging: Each participant will stand next to their individual project during the allotted judging time. Parents and guests are not allowed near the participants during this time. Each project will be judged by at least 2 judges. Participants will present their project to the judges, share each step of the scientific method, and answer questions the judges may ask.

Awards: There will be three separate age categories: Kindergarten- 4th grade, 5th grade- 8th grade, and 9th grade-12th grade. Each age category will have a 1st place, 2nd place, and 3rd place winners.

While this is a competition, it is the learning that is the most important. Yes, the students will be scored on their display and experiments but more importantly is their ability to communicate the process and what they learned/outcome to the judges.

## Science Fair Rules and Guidelines

1. Each project must follow the scientific method with all 5 steps clearly shown on their display board. The 5 steps are Problem, Hypothesis, Experiment, Observation/Data, and Conclusion.
2. Displays must be a tri-fold display board.
3. Collections of items are not allowed, unless it is made into an experiment and follows the scientific method.
4. We respectfully ask that parents leave their child's display area during the judging. This will allow your child to SHINE for the judges.
5. Parents need to be responsible for your children. Inquisitive hands can ruin hours of hard work.
6. Parents may help their children with their projects at home, especially younger participants. But the majority of the work needs to be the student's work and the student's understanding of what they learned during the process of the experiment. Please remember the term " help" does not mean the parent does 100% of the work for the child. The purpose for this fair is for our children to learn the scientific process on their own and to have FUN with science.
7. Each student will be judged more than once. Each judge will spend an allotted amount of time. This process can take over an hour. Please be patient during this time and explain this to your child.
8. There will be no childcare available. There will be science experiments for kids to do. Please keep an eye on your children.
9. Payment (\$7) must be made before the deadline.
10. We want the fair to run as smoothly as possible, so please be mindful and respectful to the needs of the participants and judges. Failure to follow any of these rules and guidelines may result in a forfeit of winning the fair.

