

Third Annual Science Fair

presented by

The Rotary Club of Oak Ridge Sunset

When: February 25, 26, 2012

Where: B&W Technical Service's New Hope Center

Participants: 3rd, 4th, & 5th grade students in Oak Ridge; and for the first time, students from Oliver Springs Elementary, Kingston Elementary, and Bowers Elementary at Harriman

Project Divisions: For each grade, student projects are entered into one of three categories - Earth Science, Life Science, or Physical Science.

Winners: Judges select 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from each of the nine divisions.

Judges review the nine, 1st place winners to determine the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Grand Prize winners

Judging Process: Students will be given a time to arrive and set up their project on Saturday, the 25th. A team of judges (three per division) will then interview the student against the pre-determined criteria so that the student will be there less than an hour. Later on Saturday, the same team of judges will score the projects against pre-determined criteria. The total score, project plus interview, is used to determine the 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place winners for that division.

On Sunday, a new team of three judges will review the nine first place winners to determine the grand prize winners.

Judges: Saturday's judges are scientists and engineers from local companies-many from ORNL and the Y-2 plant.

Last year, the Grand Prize judges were Andy Page, Ted Sherry, and John Eschenberg

Prizes: Last year the Grand Prize winner received a trip to the Space Camp at Huntsville. Second place received a laptop, and third place a Netbook. Each of the 27 division winners received prizes including savings bonds and gift cards. Teachers of winning students received gifts. In addition, all entering students received a door prize.

Grants: For the first time, we hope to make grants to participating schools for their use on STEM projects in the school.