



# THE AMAZING SCIENCE RACE

## The Amazing Science Race 2008

The Western Manitoba Science Fair is planning 'The Amazing Science Race' to be held in the city of Brandon on Saturday, September 20, 2008. This event will consist of a series of science base and skill related activities held at various locations throughout Brandon. Teams competing in the event will be made up of students in grades 7 through 12 from schools all over Western Manitoba, and they will have to move from task to task completing as many as possible in the allotted time. Teams will have to rely on creative thinking, strategic planning and great teamwork to do well in this event. We are hoping to utilize the city's Brandon Transit system as the mode of transportation for the competing teams, and we are also planning on involving as many Brandon businesses as possible.

The purpose of the Amazing Science Race is not only to raise awareness in Western Manitoba schools about the Western Manitoba Science Fair and the Canada Wide Science Fair, but also to promote learning and encourage critical thinking in these students. The funds raised from this event will be used to send additional finalists from the Western Manitoba Science Fair on to the Canada Wide Science Fair.

**The Western Manitoba Science Fair** is the Regional Science Fair for Southwestern Manitoba and has been in operation since 1969. It provides an opportunity for students to showcase their scientific talent for parents, teachers, and the community. Applicants come from grades 1 through 12, and this year there were 430 students with 272 projects from 22 schools participating in the science fair. The top two projects moved on to represent Western Manitoba at the 2008 Canada Wide Science Fair which was held in Ottawa, Ontario from May 10th to 18th, 2008.

**The Canada Wide Science Fair** is the largest youth oriented science event in Canada. This year the University of Ottawa hosted 457 students with 387 projects. The week long event gave the finalists an opportunity to compete for over \$950,000 in cash prizes, scholarships, and special awards. As well, they participated in a variety of science based events, tours and activities on and off campus; all of which to foster their interest and growth in the field of science. The 2009 Canada Wide Science Fair will be held in Winnipeg, Manitoba in March.



### For More Information

- Western Manitoba Science Fair website: [www.wmsf.com](http://www.wmsf.com)
- Canada Wide Scifair 2008 Web site [www.cwsf2008.ca](http://www.cwsf2008.ca)
- Youth Science Foundation [www.ysf.ca](http://www.ysf.ca)

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