



THE AMAZING SCIENCE RACE

The Amazing Science Race 2008

The Western Manitoba Science Fair is looking for competitors for 'The Amazing Science Race' to be held in the city of Brandon on Saturday, September 20, 2008! Based on the reality TV show 'The Amazing Race', this event will consist of a series of science based 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 will be utilizing 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. There will be a BBQ lunch at Eleanor Kidd Park as a mandatory pit-stop for the teams. We are hoping to have as many teams as possible from schools all over Western Manitoba to come and take part in this event!

Teams of four will consist of three students from grades 7 to 12 with one chaperone over the age of 21 (it doesn't have to be a teacher, it could be a parent), and the entry fee will be \$30 per team. We are looking for as many teams as possible, so there is no limit as to the number of teams that may come from one school. For example, if one team from each grade enters, it could turn into a friendly school competition to see how well each team does!

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.

Please share this information package with any and all teachers in your school who might be interested in taking part. This would be a great opportunity to show your students how much fun learning can be! A couple of the activity locations in the race will include Brandon University and Assiniboine Community College; if these schools are in the future interests of any of your students this will be a great opportunity for them to become familiar with these locations.

We look forward to seeing your school represented at the race!

For more information about The Amazing Science Race, or to print off entry forms, please go to www.wmsf.com and click on the Amazing Science Race logo.

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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.



Please hang the enclosed posters up at your school for students to see!!

For More Information

- Western Manitoba Science Fair website: www.wmsf.com
- Canada Wide Scifair 2008 Web site www.cwsf2008.ca
- Youth Science Foundation www.yzf.ca

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