Attention: Recruiting Research Scientists and Engineers as Judges for the 2014 Southwest Regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
Saturday, March 1, 2014 at UNM

Our area 9th – 12th graders, (all public, private, and home schooled students from New Mexico and Southwest Texas are eligible) who have done a research project this past year have been invited to present their project at the First Annual 2014 Southwest Regional Junior Science and Humanities Symposium! Any science, engineering, or pure mathematical projects, using approved research and ethics protocols, are eligible. Research projects would have been started no earlier than May 2013. At JSHS, they will present their projects via PowerPoint in front of a panel of judges (YOU?) and an audience. They will be competing for three scholarships ($2000, $1500, and $1000) and the chance to attend the National event in Dayton, OH May 1-5, 2014 for five finalists!

After submitting their abstracts and experimental designs to a committee for review of qualifying projects, the presenters will be invited to the Main Competition: All day Saturday, March 1, 2014 at UNM. Those traveling more than 50 miles will be provided rooms at a hotel along with an adult sponsor, and activities will be provided for all presenters including registration and “touching ideas” at ¡Explora! and a career panel.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE
7:00 – 7:30 Judge Registration (breakfast for judges)
7:30 – 8:15 Judge Training
8:30 – 11:00 First Round of Presentations
11:00 – 12:00 Lunch (for all participants and judges)
12:15 – 3:30 Final Round of Presentations
3:45 – 4:45 Career Panel
5:00 – 7:00 Awards Dinner (for all participants and judges)

JUDGING CRITERIA
JSHS recognizes students for original research achievements in the sciences, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The overall test is that students demonstrate valid investigation and experimentation aimed at discovery of knowledge.
Regional and national judges evaluate the oral presentations using the below criteria. The scores are tallied for each presenter and used as the basis for discussion among judging team members where each criterion is considered.

- Statement and identification of research problem
- Scientific or engineering thought – Process skills, creativity and understanding of the relationship of the project to existing work
- Research or engineering design and procedures
- Discussion and conclusions – relationship of results to data, implications, next steps
- Skill in communicating the research results
- Acknowledgement of sources and major assistance received

For more information and to volunteer contact:
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