

PITTSBURGH REGIONAL SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR

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<u>Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair Showcases</u> <u>Region's Best and Brightest Science Students</u>

Nearly 1,000 middle and high school students from over 100 schools will compete for \$550,000 in cash and scholarships

PITTSBURGH, March 15, 2007 – Are green building materials more durable than traditional building materials? Does soda pop decay the enamel of a human tooth? What's better for acute pain – heat or cold? Learn the answers to these intriguing questions and many others as 922 middle and high school students converge at Heinz Field Friday, March 30, to compete for more than \$550,000 in cash and scholarships at the 68th annual Pittsburgh Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

"The Science Fair is dedicated to encouraging student interest and involvement in science among our region's middle and high school students to further educational opportunities and shape our future workforce," said Lisa Kosick, Science Fair Director. "We applaud these students for their participation, and will look to them in the years ahead as they help our region maintain its position as a leader in science and technology."

WHAT

Students will exhibit in these categories: behavioral/social science, biology, chemistry, computer science/math, consumer science, earth/space environment, engineering/robotics, medicine/health/microbiology and physics.

WHEN AND WHERE

Projects will be judged Fri., March 30 from 10am-4pm. About 300 volunteer judges from local business, industry and academic institutions will select the winners. Category and Scholarship Award winners will be recognized at the Awards Ceremony on Sat., March 31, from 9-11 a.m. at Heinz Field, Club Level.

Up to four students from the Senior Division (9th – 12th grades) are eligible to win an all-expense paid trip to Albuquerque, NM, to compete in the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair, May 13-18. Junior (6th grade) and Intermediate Division Category winners (7th – 8th grades) are nominated to compete in the Discovery Channel Young Scientist Challenge this October in Washington, D.C.

ABOUT THE SCIENCE FAIR

The Science Fair, a Pittsburgh tradition since 1940, is the third oldest fair in the country under the affiliation of Science Service, Inc., which facilitates the International Science and Engineering Fair. The Science Fair is a major Carnegie Science Center event to promote a scientifically and technologically literate workforce and knowledgeable, inspired public. For information on the Fair, visit www.pittsburghsciencefair.org.

Editor's Note: The media may view exhibits and interview students from 2-4 p.m., Fri., March 30. The media and general public are invited to attend the Awards Ceremony from 9-11 a.m., Sat., March 31.

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