

STEM-tastic Saturday Student Exhibit Hall Guidelines

STEM-tastic Saturday's Student Exhibit Hall will be a room or series of rooms where accepted applicants who are local community members can show a science project or innovation. We do not have "rules" like a traditional science fair but do have guidelines.

Guidelines:

- Projects should directly address a STEM-based question or dilemma.
- Projects need to identify the STEM discipline related to their work.
- Projects with hands-on elements for attendees to touch, do, smell or feel are strongly encouraged.
- Projects completed by groups are also strongly encouraged.
- Projects can be by students from any grade.
- Projects need a free standing (tri-fold board) that states their STEM question and related information.
- The exhibitor must staff project exhibits for at least one hour during STEM-tastic. Times will be assigned to ensure that ample numbers of exhibits are staffed during any given hour. Exhibitors can stay at their project for longer if they wish.

Dates:

Applications to be an exhibitor will be accepted now through April 15th.

Exhibitors and exhibitor locations will be assigned. E-mail reminders about setting up your project will be sent in the week prior to the event. If you have a group project, send us email addresses for everyone in the group so all members can stay informed.

Fees:

There are no fees to participate. Exhibitors **will need to purchase tickets** to attend STEM-tastic Saturday when public sales go live in late April.

What we are not:

- **NOT competitive**

This is a time for shared thinking. There won't be judges. Just lots of "ooohs & aaahs" and questions from event attendees.

- **NOT just "first-come, first-serve"**

After we get your application, we will:

1. Review your project to make sure that it meets our guidelines.
2. Review your project to insure an overall diversity of exhibits for our attendees. We are looking for a variety of projects and exhibitors taking into consideration: school, age, STEM discipline, and hands-on versus presentation style.

➤ **NOT a traditional science fair**

We love Science Fairs and fully endorse the importance of rigorous scientific processes. For this event, however, we want to encourage folks of all ages to participate. For that reason, we are not requiring a multi-step scientific process or similar science fair standards. We just want to know: What was your STEM question? How did you answer it (through an experiment, an innovation, research or what)? Represent that on your board in any way that you want. The only required text is your BIG QUESTION.

Furthermore, if you have an idea but haven't tested it yet, we want to welcome you too! Pose a question and answer it with your big idea. In place of a tested product, sketches, prototypes or other models of your idea are welcome.

We do need you to make a tri-fold board with written information for attendees to show how your work relates to a STEM question and how you answered that question with your work.

➤ **NOT an area for vendors**

If you are a business launching a new product or with an existing product in production, you cannot display that product in the exhibition hall. You are invited to register to be a vendor.

What happens after you fill out the Exhibitor Form?

Our Exhibitor Team will look at your application. If we have any problems, we will contact you. Otherwise, you are accepted if you do not hear from us.