

Invitation to Judge from the Virginia Junior Academy of Science

The Virginia Junior Academy of Science will hold its 2009 Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Virginia Academy of Science at Virginia Commonwealth University, May 26-28. The purpose of this meeting is to give approximately 750 students in grades seven through twelve from throughout the commonwealth the opportunity to present papers, which will report original research they have conducted. On Wednesday, twenty-two papers will be presented every 15 minutes from 9 a.m. through 4:30 p.m.

How can we accomplish this goal? In order to achieve this monumental task many volunteers are needed. Each of the sections requires three judges and a chair. Judges are needed in all fields: Agriculture & Animal Science, Animal Behavior, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Consumer Science, Earth & Space Science, Engineering, Environmental Science, Genetics & Cellular Biology, Math, Medicine & Health, Microbiology, Physical Science (middle school), Physics (high school), Psychology (general, learning and perception, and social), Statistics, and Zoology.

Judging requires one to read and evaluate no more than twenty-two papers, which will be received approximately three weeks prior to the date of the meeting. The judges are asked to be present, with those papers, at a briefing. Breakfast will be served and volunteers will be given their duties for the day. Judges and chairs will also receive lunch and can choose to be a representative at "Dinner with a Scientist" at which the scientists can interact with the student.

Please help us to make another exciting VJAS Annual Conference happen. If you are interested in helping out next year as either a judge or a chair, please register today so we can secure your first choice in category. Please fill out and mail the bottom portion of this letter to Ms. Susan Booth. You will, at a later date, receive notification of the category you will be judging, parking permits, scoring, the schedule, and other important information in the mail. We will update you with more details as the logistics of the annual meeting are worked out.

We truly appreciate all that you do and hope that you will be willing to contribute your time and effort again. If you know of any others who may also be interested in assisting VJAS, then please share this information with them. The entire program is made possible by your volunteer efforts, and its success rests on your willingness to help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate contacting a VJAS officer.

Thank you in advance for your assistance,

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Please circle the categories you are interested in: Agriculture & Animal Science, Animal Behavior, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Consumer Science, Earth & Space Science, Engineering, Environmental Science, Genetics & Cellular Biology, Math, Medicine & Health, Microbiology, Physical Science (middle school), Physics (high school), Psychology (general, learning and perception, and social), Statistics, and Zoology.