

## **Pacific Northwest Regional Science Fair**

**April 17 – 18, 2015**

**NWCC, Smithers BC**

Do you know any budding young scientists you'd like to encourage?

Try science fair!

Most young people love asking questions. Science fair gives them an opportunity to learn how to answer these questions for themselves. Students follow their interests and passions, develop their *own* projects and learn how to solve problems creatively as they work from concept to presentation. Sometimes they learn that unexpected results can be more interesting than the “right” answer. Some teachers have students work on different aspects of a class project; others support individual projects. Either works for science fair.

I teach university students—and I can identify the science fair alumni: they are confident at designing experiments, know that science is a process rather than a body of facts, and are creative as well as organised. Some school and home-school students do science fair year after year and end up entering a post-secondary program they've discovered through science fair.

There are prizes awarded at the regional fair to top projects and to hard-working students. The big prize will be shared by 4 students (grade 7 – 12) who will represent our region at the Canada Wide Science Fair, this year being held in Fredericton, New Brunswick (May 9 – 16). Most of the cost of the week-long trip to the Canada Wide Science Fair is covered by the Regional Science Fair Committee!

The local science fair committee can help if you'd like. We can mentor, discuss, point out useful websites and judge. I'm a scientist. I enjoy mentoring students, and have helped many students from all grades, whether it's focusing their first research question or fine-tuning their statistics before going to the Canada-Wide Science Fair. Let us know what we can do!

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