

Parent Information Letter



TO: Young Inventor Parent(s)

FROM:

DATE:

SUBJECT: **YOUNG INVENTORS' PROGRAM REGIONAL INVENTION CONVENTION DAY**

Congratulations on your child's success in the local school invention program. We welcome his/her participation at the YIP Regional Invention Convention on _____[DATE]. This event provides a forum for your child to display his/her inventiveness and is the culminating celebration for the _____[YEAR] school year.

The celebration will take place at _____ [LOCATION]. Following is the schedule for the day: [INSERT SCHEDULE HERE]

Be sure to bring the Student Entry Form (given to the student inventor at his/her school) and the authorization form (enclosed) with you on _____[DATE]. Additionally, if your child has a Rube Goldberg® Machine, and an extension cord or a table for set up is required, please bring them with you.

Each inventor is grouped with his/her grade and given a room assignment at registration. After registration, please go to the assigned room and help to arrange the desks in a horseshoe pattern. This makes judging easier. Parents are not allowed in the room while their child's invention is being judged. Also, when packing up inventions to go home, your help in putting the room back the way it was would be greatly appreciated.

Coffee, snacks and lunch will be available in the school cafeteria for a nominal cost. Picnic lunches are welcomed.

Awards will be given in the following categories:

- Most Outstanding (Best in Grade)
- Special Needs
- Practical and Useful
- Most Marketable
- Environmental
- Fun and Leisure Time
- Most Original and Unique
- Inventor's Choice

Special awards will be given for the following: LIST ANY SPECIAL AWARDS HERE.

Rube Goldberg Awards will be given for the following:

- Best Team Effort
- Best Individual Effort
- Most Original and Unique
- Most Complex
- Judge's Choice
- Inventor's Choice

Each inventor receives a Certificate of Participation. **Please note your child's name, invention title, and any special category located on your address label. (Not all inventions fall into a special category.)**

If the spelling of either of these is incorrect, or if your child's invention fits into one of the special awards category, please call the Academy of Applied Science at 603 228-4530 as soon as possible. We do our best to make sure everyone's name is spelled correctly. However, if a mistake is made, we will be happy to correct the certificate after the YIP Regional Invention Convention.