

Dear Sponsor,

The Salt Lake Valley Science & Engineering Fair (SLVSEF), run by the Utah Science Center since January 2005, is an annual science competition for students in grades 5-12. Participation in a science fair stimulates students' interest in science and technology while simultaneously promoting the development of communication, decision making, evaluation of alternative solutions, and critical thinking. SLVSEF is pleased to showcase the inquisitive natures and scientific discoveries of some of the best and brightest young minds from the Salt Lake, Tooele, Granite and Murray School Districts.

SLVSEF provides a forum for students to present their scientific work and interact with scientists in their field to receive feedback on their efforts. Recognition of students for their hard work in science fair contributes to the enthusiasm and excitement that develops as they involve themselves in their projects. Students are awarded trophies, cash prizes, internships, and other non-monetary recognition for their outstanding work. In addition, five senior division students will have the opportunity to represent SLVSEF at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair held at a major US city each May.

Science Fair programs also challenge science educators to explain their own fields of expertise and advise students appropriately. In addition, the successful development and implementation of science fairs is enhanced by strong community/institution relationships. The acquisition of financial support, judges, and other volunteer help is dependent upon various community entities.

These goals can only be achieved with your valuable support. Community support through monetary and in-kind contributions and/or volunteer hours is vital to producing an annual event that is worthy of the remarkable students who participate and the dedicated teachers and parents who believe in them. On behalf of these students, families and teachers, we thank you!

-Salt Lake Valley Science & Engineering Fair Committee

Sponsorship Levels

Level 1 \$10,000

- Opportunity for Display Booth at Fair
- Opportunity for 5 minute speech at Grand Awards Ceremony
- Opportunity to distribute educational materials in student packets
- Recognition in all press-releases
- Full-page ad in SLVSEF program
- Logo on SLVSEF website homepage
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony Pre-event slide show

Level 2 \$5,000

- Opportunity to distribute educational materials in student packets
- Half-page ad in SLVSEF program
- Recognition on SLVSEF website
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony Pre-event slide show

Level 3 \$2,500

- Quarter-page ad in SLVSEF program
- Recognition on SLVSEF website
- Recognition at Awards Ceremony Pre-event slide show

Level 4 \$1,000

- Name listed in SLVSEF program
- Recognition on SLVSEF website
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Level 5 \$500

- Name listed in SLVSEF program
- Recognition on SLVSEF website

How You Can Help

Monetary Donations

Monetary contributions include donations to our operating budget, scholarships or cash award donations to students and fully underwriting any of the science fair budget expenses. Our annual operating budget is approximately \$55,000. This budget includes, but is not limited to, cash awards, trophies, venue expense and equipment rental, publicity, and an all expense paid trip for up to 7 students in the senior division along with 4 SLVSEF staff members and/or teachers to compete in the Intel International Science & Engineering Fair.

In-Kind Donations

In-kind contributions include donations given in the form of gift certificates, coupons, prizes for students or teachers, printing expenses, or volunteer hours. Donations of coupons or two-for-one passes are needed for 400 students.

Volunteer Opportunities

Category judges are needed in the elementary, junior and senior divisions. Elementary judges need a strong science background. It is preferred that judges in the junior and senior divisions have a Master's degree, PhD or work experience equivalent in their field. The time commitment for a category judge will be approximately 5 hours.

Mentors are needed to advise and assist students as they research their ideas and carry out their experiments.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with preparations before the fair and on the day of the event.

If you are interested in volunteering in any of the above positions, please contact Jody Ostrander at (801) 355-1241.

Optional Underwritten Expenses

**Naming opportunities available*

Elementary Cash Awards
Junior/Senior Cash Awards
Single Category Cash Awards
T-Shirts
Trophies, ribbons & pins
Student, Teacher & Judge Meals at SLVSEF
Door-prize drawing awards

**Expenses may be underwritten in part or in full; however, in the case of underwriting only part of an expense, SLVSEF reserves the naming rights. Naming rights expire after current fair. If your specific choice is fully funded upon receipt of donation, funds will be applied at the discretion of SLVSEF.*

Pledge

I (we) agree to contribute _____ to the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair in cooperation with the Utah Science Center and The Leonardo for use in holding the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair and/or awarding prizes in connection with the same.

This the _____ day of _____, _____
(month) (year)

This contribution has a monetary value of \$ _____

Contact Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

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Email: _____

The Utah Science Center provides the opportunity for donations to the Salt Lake Valley Science and Engineering Fair to be tax-deductible.

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Volunteers:

If you are willing to be a category judge or mentor a student project please contact Jody Ostrander at jostrander@utahsciencecenter.org

The most exciting phrase to hear in science, the one that heralds the most discoveries, is not "Eureka!" (I found it!) but "That's funny..."

~Isaac Asimov



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The Utah Science Center proudly presents:



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