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ONE HUNDRED FORTIETH
NEBRASKA STATE FAIR**

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Dear Sponsor/Teacher,

I am excited to have you interested in coming to the Nebraska State Fair. Please note the rules of each competition and follow them closely. We reserve the right to disqualify students or team if directions are not followed.

You need to use a separate entry form for each competition and division.

Please read through this book carefully to know the changes in age divisions and guidelines, as well as new competitions and additions to other competitions.

*For each competition, there is just a final entry form. **The deadline for all final entry forms will be Monday, July 20, 2009.***

*Make sure that essays, art work, computer design displays, PowerPoint print displays, science displays, and service projects are marked clearly with name, grade, and school. Please put this information on the **front** of the paper or display, not the backside.*

The Nebraska State Fair strives to include challenging and rewarding opportunities for educational experiences in our state. We hope the changes made this year will improve the program and assist in its growth. Your suggestions and ideas are important input. Please feel free to offer your comments.

Sincerely,

Judi Harper, Superintendent
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and the Peter Kiewit Institute
for their support of the
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Education Department

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair would like to invite all Nebraska school teachers, parents and students to participate in the educational activities offered at the 2008 Nebraska State Fair.

The following competitions will be available:

- ◆ Art
- ◆ Computer Project
- ◆ Essay
- ◆ Improvisation
- ◆ Impromptu Speaking
- ◆ Math
- ◆ Quiz Bowl
- ◆ PowerPoint Presentation
- ◆ Robotics
- ◆ Science
- ◆ Science Display
- ◆ Service Project
- ◆ Shakespeare Monologue
- ◆ Social Studies
- ◆ Spelling

Prizes awarded will include savings bonds and special awards. **In order to participate, competitors do NOT have to qualify at the county fair level.**

Completed Essays, Computer Projects, PowerPoint Presentations and Art Entries must be received by 5 p.m. Monday, July 20. The appropriate entry forms must be included with these entries.

Science displays, Service Project displays, and Robotics notebooks will be received **Wednesday, August 26th from 1:00 – 6:00 pm.** This year the Science Displays and Service Project Displays may also be delivered to the Administration Building prior to August 26th, during normal office hours, as long as the only set-up required is opening a display board. The Robotics notebooks may also be delivered to the Administration Building prior to August 26th.

Late entries will NOT be accepted for any competition!

Separate entry forms are required per division per competition. Feel free to make copies of the Entry Form.

MAILING INFORMATION

All entry forms, essays, savings bond forms, and requests for information should be addressed to:

Nebraska State Fair
Education Department
PO Box 81223
Lincoln, NE 68501
(402) 473-4109
Fax: 402-473-4114

Art, computer design, and PowerPoint poster boards and CD's should be sent by UPS to:

Nebraska State Fair
Administration Building
Education Department
1800 State Fair Park Drive
Lincoln, NE 68508

Entry forms and completed entries may also be delivered in person to the Nebraska State Fair Administration Building during normal office hours.

NEBRASKA STATE FAIR EDUCATION DEPARTMENT GOALS

- ◆ To provide challenging and rewarding opportunities for educational experiences throughout the state of Nebraska.
- ◆ To provide exposure of Nebraska's schools to the public through a display of our children's abilities and talents.
- ◆ To provide tangible rewards for students in order to encourage participation and creative efforts in their academic pursuits.
- ◆ To provide the opportunity to meet other students from the state of Nebraska in an educational environment.
- ◆ To provide fun in an educational setting!

Special thanks to the **NEBRASKAland Foundation** for providing plaques, ribbons, etc. and to the Peter Kiewit Institute for scholarships and award donations.

2009 State Fair Themes

Art and Essay:

My Favorite Fair Memory

This theme is intended to be a tribute to the 140th Nebraska State Fair, but students may focus on any fair including--but not limited to--a county fair, a bear fair, a science fair, or a book fair. The judges will NOT score an entry lower if the student focuses on a fair other than the State Fair.

Computer Design:
Promotion of 2010 State Fair

PowerPoint:
Celebrate Nebraska

RULES AND REGULATIONS

All exhibitors are bound by the most current edition of Nebraska State Fair Park's Space Rental Rules and Regulations. A copy may be obtained in the Administration Office at State Fair Park. For purposes of these rules and regulations, all exhibitors are considered to be lessees.

To remove stock or other articles on exhibit before the time of release, written permission must be obtained from the department Superintendent. In the event of conflict of general and special rules, the latter will govern.

All entries must be filed with the State Fair office no later than the date and time specified in this Entry/Award list.

All entries must be made on Nebraska State Fair entry forms, which may be obtained free from the State Fair office. Photocopies are acceptable.

Anything that has been erroneously entered may, at the discretion of the Superintendent of the department, be transferred to the proper class. If such classes have been judged, they shall not be re-judged.

Entries and competition in Education are limited to students enrolled in Nebraska schools and home schooled in Nebraska.

A separate entry form must be submitted for EACH DIVISION AND COMPETITION. Do NOT send anything but art with the art work. Entries for other competitions and Essays, Computer projects, etc., all should be sent individually.

Failure to comply with above rules will result in disqualification.

If any exhibitor interferes with the judges in the performance of their duties by letter, act, or otherwise, he/she shall be excused from competition and exhibition for such period of time as Management may determine and shall forfeit any awards received at this Fair. Any person, not an exhibitor, who interferes with the judges in any manner during the performance of their duties, shall be asked to leave the judging area.

TICKET POLICY

Each exhibitor/competitor and sponsor in the Education Department requiring gate admission to the Nebraska State Fair will be sent **one complimentary** gate admission ticket for each day competitor is competing.

Exhibitors/competitors, parents and sponsors may purchase Exhibitor Gate Tickets **on their order form only** from the State Fair Ticket Office. **Maximum of 5 exhibitor tickets per family allowed.**

IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

Upon receipt of the competition entry form, Exhibitor tickets and Ticket Order Forms **will be sent to each sponsor**. It is the sponsor's responsibility to make copies and distribute the Ticket Order Forms to the students. Order Forms must be filled in and returned to the State Fair Office with a check or money order for the proper amount. Exhibitor tickets are available only with the appropriate form and only for advance purchase. **The form will NOT be accepted for reduced price admission at the gate.**

Exhibitor Ticket Order Forms will not be sent to those entering in Art, Essay, and Computer Graphic Design or Web Site competitions (because entries must be turned in before the Fair begins). If you would like to order exhibitor tickets, you will need to call and request an order form at 473-4109.

If tickets are not purchased prior to August 21, 2009, full price must be paid at the entrance gates.

****NO Exhibitor tickets will be sent out after August 21, 2009. ****

Readmission to the grounds, on the same calendar day, is offered via a hand stamp at all exit gates.

NO REFUNDS will be given on any admission ticket.

ENTRY INFORMATION

ENTRY FORMS this year can be downloaded and printed. Information may be typed or filled in by hand. If filled in by hand, PRINT the information so it is clearly legible. Entry forms filled out in cursive will be disqualified. Entries can be mailed, faxed, or delivered to the State Fair office. A separate entry form must be used for each competition and each division. Entry information can also be emailed to cro74chet@aol.com. If emailing the entries, group them by competition and division. Confirmation of receipt of emailed entries will be sent within a week of receiving the entries. This year, student addresses are NOT required on the entry forms. However, please note that grade as of 1/1/09 and T-shirt sizes are to be listed on the entry form.

All entry forms are due on **MONDAY, July 20**.

Only send **ART** in one package. All other entries need to be sent separately. **Computer Projects and Essays may NOT be sent with Art work.**

COMPETITION SCHEDULE

Saturday, August 29

Science Competition

Check In . Saturday, August 29 – 8:15 am

Test Saturday, August 29 – 8:30 am

Social Studies Competition

Check In . Saturday, August 29 – 9:45 am

Test Saturday, August 29 – 10:00 am

Mathematics Competition

All Divisions

Check In . Saturday, August 29 – 11:15 am

Test Saturday, August 29 – 11:30 am

Round 2

Qualifiers from Divisions 9-10 and 11-12

Check In....Saturday, August 29 – 1:25 pm

Test..... Saturday, August 29 – 1:30 pm

Note: See details under Math section

Robotics Competition

Check In.....Saturday, August 29 – 4:00 pm

Written Test.....Saturday, August 29 – 4:15 pm

Performance....Saturday, August 29 -- 5:30 pm

Sunday, August 30

Spelling Contest

Division 3rd – 8th

Check InSunday, August 30 – 8:15 am

Test.....Sunday, August 30 – 8:30 am

Division 9th – 12

Check In.....Sunday, August 30 – 8:15 am

Test.....Sunday, August 30 – 9:00 am

Impromptu Speaking Contest

Check InSunday, August 30 – 9:45 am

Shakespeare Monologue Competition

Check In.....Sunday, August 30 – 9:45 am

Improvisation Competition

Check In.....Sunday, August 30 – 9:45 am

Quiz Bowl

Check In.....Sunday, August 30 – 12:30 pm

ART COMPETITION A "NEBRASKAland" Competition
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The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair and NEBRASKAland Foundation will sponsor an Art competition.

Awards given will be:

Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, & 9-12

1st Place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque & rosette
2nd Place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, and rosette
3rd - 6th Place	Ribbons

Rules and Entry Information

1. This competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed Kindergarten through 12th grade during the spring or summer of 2009.
2. The theme for grades K-12 shall be: ***My Favorite Fair Memory***. Any media may be used. ***NO FOOD items may be used to make the art.**
3. Judging Criteria:
 - Choice of Subject
 - Craftsmanship - media choice and honesty to media; Realistic, Expressive, Idealistic or Abstract. Emphasis on realism.
 - Use of elements - line, shape, color, texture
 - Use of Principles - contrast, balance, etc.
 - Creativity - flexibility, uniqueness
 - Expression - content (theme, idea, etc.)
4. Entries must be grouped and will be judged by the following divisions:

Grades K – 2	Grades 6 – 8
Grades 3 – 5	Grades 9 – 12

5. Projects must be submitted on poster boards no larger than 22"x28" and grouped in the appropriate divisions (See Rule #3). Schools may enter as many poster boards as they wish, but only **one entry per student** will be allowed. Artwork received that is not properly grouped on poster boards will not be judged or displayed.
6. Since poster boards will be hung for display, weight must be kept to a minimum. Therefore, notebooks and similar art projects will NOT be allowed. Teachers may place more than one picture or art project on a poster board if in the **same division**. Only one side of the poster board may contain entries. Poster boards must have holes punched in **all four** corners to be hung and displayed.

IMPORTANT -- Label artwork with student's name, grade, school, district number and county on the **face** of the poster card. **Punch holes in all four corners.**

7. **Entry forms and art poster boards must be received by July 20, 2009. Entry forms must accompany art poster boards and be sent together in one package.** The State Fair Park Administration Building will be open for delivery of entries from 8:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Entries received after July 20, 2009 will not be judged.

Separate entry forms **must** be used for each **division** and **competition**.

8. Entries will be released **after 6:00 pm Monday, September 7, 2008**. Entries not claimed will be taken to the Administration Building, 402-473-4109. Artwork will be mailed back to the school upon request. Artwork will be sent COD or you may send required postage money with entry form. **Any unclaimed artwork remaining after September 30th will be destroyed.**
9. First place artwork may be featured through the year in a traveling exhibit. The work will be available to be picked up at the following Fair.

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

COMPUTER DESIGN COMPETITION A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair and the NEBRASKAland Foundation will sponsor a Grades 3-8 and a Grades 9-12 computer design competition.

Awards given in each division will be:

1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, trophy, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, trophy, rosette
3rd-6th place	Ribbons

Rules and Entry Information

1. The entry will consist of an advertising campaign generated with a computer and promoting the Nebraska State Fair in its new location in 2010, Grand Island. For grades 9-12, the entry will consist of three items.
 - (a) A poster (8 ½ x 11)
 - (b) A tri-fold brochure (8 ½ x 11, before folding)
 - (c) A postcard mailer (5 ½ x 8 ½, a half sheet of 8 ½ x 11 paper)
2. The three items must be designed with a computer.
3. All three items should include text using available fonts. Photographs, clip art, or original artwork may be included.
4. The items must be mounted on a sheet of 22" x 28" poster board. To mount the brochure (which is printed on both sides), attach on the center back, then attach a print out of the back as well. For the mailer, print each side and attach. These items should be printed with a computer printer and should NOT be commercially printed.
5. For grades 3-8, the entry will consist of any ONE of the three items (a), (b), or (c) listed above. The item must be mounted on a 14" x 22" poster board.
6. **Student's name, school, and grade must appear on the front, top right hand corner of the poster board.**
7. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture shall have the right to edit, publish, or otherwise duplicate, any items entered into the competition, without payment to the author.
8. **Entry forms and computer design poster boards must be received by July 20, 2009. Entry forms must accompany the entries and be sent together in one package.** The State Fair Park Administration Building will be open for delivery of entries from 8:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Entries received after July 20, 2009 will not be judged. **Separate entry forms must be used for each division and competition.**

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

ESSAY COMPETITION A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair and NEBRASKAland Foundation will sponsor an Essay Competition for all students from Nebraska's schools.

Awards given in each division will be:

Grades K-2, 3-5, 6-8, & 9-12

1st Place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd Place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3rd - 6th place	Ribbons

Rules and Entry Information

This competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed Kindergarten through 12th grade during the spring or summer of 2009. The theme of the essay is ***My Favorite Fair Memory***.

1. Judging Criteria
 - Introduction
 - Topic Development
 - Documentation and Support
 - Structure
 - Word Choice
 - Sentence Fluency
 - Ideas
 - Organization
2. Grades K-8 Entries must be grouped and will be judged by the following divisions:
Grades K-2 Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8
3. Entries will be judged in one group of grades 9-12.
4. Schools may enter any number of essays, but only **one essay per student**.
5. Each competitor must prepare his or her own essay
Any quotations or copyrighted material used in the writing must be identified.
 - Entry must be double spaced, written in ink, or typed on one side of the page.
 - Handwritten entries must be legible.
 - Essay entries for **grades K-8** shall have no minimum number of words, but a maximum of 250 words.
 - Essay entries for **grades 9-12** shall have a minimum of 150 words and a maximum of 300 words.
7. **Student's name, school, and grade must appear on the front, top right hand corner of the essay.**
8. The Nebraska State Board of Agriculture shall have the right to edit, publish, or otherwise duplicate, any essay entered into the competition, without payment to the author. **Original essays will not be returned to schools or competitors.**
9. **Entry forms and essays must be received by July 20, 2009. Entry forms must accompany the entries and be sent together in one package.** The State Fair Park Administration Building will be open for delivery of entries from 8:00am - 5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Entries received after July 20, 2009 will not be judged. **DO NOT send essays with art work!**

Separate entry forms must be used for each division and competition.

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH COMPETITION A "NEBRASKAland" Competition

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair and the NEBRASKAland foundation will sponsor an Impromptu Speech Competition for Grades 6-12. The following awards will be given:

1st Place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd Place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3rd - 6th place	Ribbons

Each competitor will receive a participation T-shirt.

If there are sufficient entries, this competition will be divided into two divisions: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12.

Rules and Entry Information

This competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed 6th through 12th grade during the spring or summer of 2009.

1. All contestants will speak on one of three topics. Each contestant will be given the three topics five minutes before he/she speaks and may choose which topic to speak on.
2. The topics will be directly related to Nebraska and will be ones that all students will be able to speak about. The object of this competition is not to test the students' knowledge of the state, but rather their ability to speak with limited preparation time.
3. No reference materials will be allowed. Students will be furnished with scratch paper, a pencil, and one note card. The card may be used when speaking.
4. At the beginning of the competition, all competitors will be isolated in a room outside of the competition room. They will draw numbers for speaking order. The first person will then go to another room where he/she will be given the topic and five minutes to prepare. After five minutes, that person will make his/her presentation and the second person will be sent to the quiet room to prepare, etc.
5. If students are competing in other competitions during the same time, speaking order may be altered to accommodate those students; however, they will still speak five minutes after being given the topics to select from.
6. Speeches are to last from three to five minutes for grades 9-12 and from two to four minutes for grades 6-8. Those more than 30 seconds over or under the limits will be docked a placing.
7. The Impromptu Speech Competition will be held at State Fair Park on Sunday, August 30 in the Youth Complex Demonstration Rooms. Check in starts at 9:45 am. Competition will begin at 11:00 am. **NOTE: There may be a change in starting time depending on number of entrants in this competition and in monologue. Entrants will be notified of any changes in schedule.**
8. **Entry forms must be turned in by July 20, 2009. Separate entry forms must be used for each competition.**
9. Schools will be limited to five students per division.

IMPROVISATION COMPETITION

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair will sponsor an Improvisation Competition. Awards given will be:

1st place team members (five)
\$100 Savings bond and rosette
Team will receive a plaque

2nd place team members (five)
\$50 Savings bond and rosette
Team will receive a plaque

Each competitor will receive a participation T-shirt.

Note: If there are sufficient entries, there will be two divisions, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Both divisions will compete at the same time, but will be ranked separately.

These are general guidelines and are subject to change. All registered competitors will be notified of changes.

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed Grade 6 thru 12th grade. Homeschoolers are also eligible if they form their own team of 5.
2. The competition will be divided into three rounds with each school competing in each round. All rounds' scores will be added together to determine the overall winners.
3. **Each school may enter one team of five students with one alternate.** The players on each team must number 5; however, they need NOT be from the same school. The alternate will not be allowed to help plan or perform for the team. **The alternate**

is **ONLY** allowed to be used if someone is unable to attend the competition. Each team will have a 5 minute preparation time

4. **Round 1 and Round 2 descriptions will be sent to registered teams following receipt of the entry forms. Round 3 will remain Doo Wop, as in previous years.**

Round 3:

"Doo Wop"—this format involves improvisational singing, during which an original 1950's-style Doo-Wop song will be created. The group will be given an object to sing about and further instructions at the actual contest. Five (5) minute limit, ten 10 minute prep time.

5. The performed scenes will be timed. Groups exceeding the 5-minute mark will be penalized. There is no minimum time limit.
6. Two chairs for the use of the groups will be provided. All other props will be supplied by the contest leader. Students are not allowed to use any other props than are provided.
7. Teams are to work toward a coherent story - **a scene with a beginning, middle, and end.** This is easier said than done, but doing so bodes well for their work as an ensemble.
8. The Improvisation Competition will take place on **Sunday, August 30th** at the 4-H Youth Complex. Check in **9:45 am, with competition starting at 10 am. Provisions will be made for students involved in spelling, impromptu speech, and/or Shakespeare monologue.**
9. Judging will be based on:
 - the believability of the individual actors
 - the work of the group as an ensemble
 - the consistent pace of the piece
 - the theatrical value of the original script created: its suitability to the cast and to the audience
 - the over-all effect of the performance as an integrated whole
 - characterization
 - presentationPoints will be deducted for:
 - going over the 5 minute time limit (5 points per min.)
 - using props (5 points)
 - disqualified for not using the original team during both rounds
9. There will be signals given at one minute remaining and at 30 seconds remaining.
10. **Entry Forms must be received by July 20, 2009. Separate entry forms must be used for each competition.**

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair will sponsor a Mathematics Competition. Awards given in each division will be:

Grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12

1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3rd-6th place	Rosettes

Each competitor will receive a participation T-shirt.

Note the addition of 3rd grade this year.

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed 3rd through 12th grade in the spring or summer of 2009.
2. This competition must be entered and will be scored in the following divisions:

Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12
3. Subjects covered will include:
Grades 4-5: *Addition, subtraction, multiplication, division,*

Fractions, decimals, and percentages
Grades 6-8: *Math computations, pre-algebra, and algebra*
Grades 9-10: *Algebra and geometry*
Grades 11-12: *Topics including algebra, geometry, Trigonometry, probability, pre-calculus, calculus, Combinatorics and number theory*

NOTE: The contests for Grades 3-8 will be traditional written exams as in previous years and will last through one testing period. Like the contest for Grades 11-12 last year, the contest for both Grades 9-10 and Grades 11-12 will be a two-part competition and will run through both maths testing periods. Detailed rules for this competition will be thoroughly explained on testing day, but a brief summary follows:

The contest will be a problem solving competition. Problems will be "brain-teaser" type and will require deeper thought than the traditional exam, but will not require difficult calculations. No calculators will be allowed. The problems will draw from any area of mathematics that the student has been exposed to up to this point of his/her education. In the initial exam, students will be given several problems to solve. Those who solve a certain percentage will come back for the final round of the competition. In the final round, the students will be given problems to solve, two problems at a time. The students will be given an allotted amount of time to solve the two problems, and then will be given an additional two problems, for a total of 8 problems.

4. Schools may enter up to 10 students per division in Grades 9-12. Schools may enter up to 15 students per division in Grades 3-8; however, no more than 10 students may come from any one grade.
5. **Entry forms must be received by July 20, 2009. Separate entry forms must be used for each division and competitions.**
6. The competition will take place on **Saturday, August 29, 2009**, on the 4th Floor of the Grandstand. . **ALL competitors should report for check in at 11:15 pm. The test will begin at 11:30 pm.** Adult sponsors must accompany their students for check in. **Competitors in Grades 9-12** will need to report back at 1:25 pm to see who qualified for the final round that will begin at 1:30 pm, or as soon after that time as the qualifiers have been determined.
7. **No calculators will be allowed.** Pencils will be furnished by the Nebraska State Fair.
8. The test will be timed. Tests will be graded directly after the competition. Rankings beyond 6th place will not be disclosed. Awards will be given directly after the competition. Tests will not be returned.
9. The test key answers will be the only answers considered. Answers requiring labels **must** be labeled.
10. Final standings by school will be sent to the sponsors 2-4 weeks after the Fair.

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

POWERPOINT COMPETITION

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair and the NEBRASKALand Foundation will sponsor a Grades 6-8 and a Grades 9-12 PowerPoint Presentation competition. Depending on number of entrants, we reserve the right to combine divisions.

Awards given in each division will be:

1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, trophy, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, trophy, rosette
3rd-6th place	Rosettes

Rules and Entry Information

1. The theme of the PowerPoint Presentation is "Celebrate Nebraska." The presentation should promote Nebraska in a way that would be appropriate to encourage tourism.
2. The presentation is to be submitted on CD.
3. For grades 6-8, the presentation must contain 10 to 15 slides. For grades 9-12, the presentation must contain 20 to 25 slides.
4. For all presentations, a consistent background must be used on all slides.
5. For grades 6-8, the slides must use a minimum of three different layouts. For grades 9-12, the slides must use a minimum of five different layouts.

6. Each presentation must include one or more slides with pictures (either photographs or clipart is acceptable); and one or more slides containing bullets with sub points.
7. Each presentation must include a title slide and a summary slide.
8. Animation is optional, but do not overdo it. If included, the animation should enhance the presentation, not detract from it.
9. Submit the entry on a CD. Also, print slides six to a page and mount on either 14" x 22" or 22" x 28" poster board for display at the State Fair. Printing in black and white is acceptable, as the printout is for display only. Judging will be done from the CD.
10. **Completed PowerPoint CDs, poster board with printout, and final entry forms must be received by July 20, 2009. Separate entry forms must be used for each division and competition. Make certain that CD case is labeled with student's name, grade, and school.**
11. **PowerPoint presentations will be judged on:**
 - Artistic design, creativity, and originality
 - Technical skills
 - How well the presentation represents the theme:
 - **Adherence to guidelines.**
11. There is no limit on number of entries from a school, but only one entry per student.
12. All entries are to be mailed to:
Nebraska State Fair Board
PO Box 81223
Lincoln, NE 68501-1223

Or they may be delivered in person to the State Fair Administration Building.

Please see Ticket Policy and Entry Information on page 4.

QUIZ BOWL

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair will sponsor a Quiz Bowl Competition. Awards given will be:

- 1st place team members (four)
 - \$100 Savings bond and rosette
 - Team will receive a plaque
- 2nd place team members (four)
 - \$50 Savings bond and rosette
 - Team will receive a plaque
- 3rd and 4th place team members (four)
 - Rosettes

All competitors will receive a participation T-shirt.

Rules and Entry Information

1. This competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed grades 9 through 12.
2. The Quiz Bowl will be held at State Fair Park, **on Sunday, August 30** in the **Youth Complex Demonstration Rooms**. Check In starts at **12:30 pm**. Competition will begin at **1:00 pm**. Teams will be paired at random and competition times will be assigned after entries close. The size of the school will not be a consideration in the draw for pairings. **No late check-ins will be allowed.**
3. **Entry forms must be turned in by July 20, 2009. Separate entry forms must be used for each competition.**
4. Entries will be limited to **TWO** teams from each school. Sponsors **MUST** accompany their students for check in and stay with the students throughout the competition or the team will be disqualified.
5. Teams will consist of **exactly** four students: a captain and three members. Alternate players (maximum of two) are allowed, but no substitutions may be made during a match. Alternate players may enter play **only** at the beginning of a new match. The players on each team must be from the same high school.

6. The moderator will read the question and recognize the team that will answer the question. A scorekeeper, timekeeper and tournament judge will be the members of the panel, unless there is a shortage of personnel.
7. The State Fair Quiz Bowl will consist of round-robin play in the first round and a single-elimination tournament in the second round. Round-robin schedules will be provided after all teams have registered.
8. Each game will consist of 50 questions (total toss-up and bonus), unless the game time limit is reached. In the event of a tie at the end of a round, a toss-up question will be used as a tie-breaker. The first team to correctly answer a tie-breaker toss-up question will win the game.
9. Tournament seeding will be based on results from the round-robin games:
 - 1) Win percentage
 - 2) Average points won
10. All teams will play in a single elimination tournament to determine the State Fair Quiz Bowl Champion. All rules from round-robin play will be applied.
11. Two types of questions are used during a match: toss-up and bonus. Points are scored by correctly answering a question. A correct answer to a toss-up question is worth 10 points and a correct answer to a bonus question is worth 5 points.
12. After the toss-up question is given, 10 seconds will be allowed for any team member to respond. To answer a toss-up question, a player must be the first to signal by pushing his/her signal switch of the electronic control system. There may not be any conferring among team members during a toss-up question response. If there is conferring, the team will be disqualified.
13. The toss-up process consists of four (4) parts - the question, the signal, the recognition of the player by the Bowl moderator, and the answer. If a player gives the answer without either of the two middle parts, the answer is treated as an incorrect answer. The player must wait until he/she is acknowledged by the moderator before giving the answer.
14. A team member giving a correct toss-up answer entitles the team to a bonus question. The team members have 20 seconds to confer on bonus questions before the answer is given. The answers to bonus questions **must** be given by the **team captain**. Answers from other team members will not be acknowledged by the moderator, unless the team captain specifically requests that another team member be allowed to answer.
15. When a player gives an incorrect answer to a toss-up question and the question has not been completely read, the question will be read again and the other team then has 10 seconds to answer by the normal sequence of signaling, being recognized, and answering. If neither team gives the correct answer, the next question will be read.
16. If a team presses the signal switch of the electronic control system before the toss-up question has been completely read, the moderator will stop reading the question at the point of interruption. If the question is answered incorrectly, the question will be repeated entirely for the other team and they may answer the question for the full point value.
17. No calculators or resource material may be used during competition. Paper and pencil will be provided and can be used on any question.
18. Decisions of the tournament judge will be final. The official declaration of the outcome of the match shall be irrevocable. As in any contest, a match shall not be replayed - even if the outcome could have been altered by judgment errors.
19. If a team feels that a challenge is necessary, **the team captain is the only one who may make the challenge and must make the challenge at the time of the answer** (before next question is given). Be sure that you have a legitimate challenge as each challenge lengthens the day. There shall be no questions raised by anyone except the team captain, moderator, or officials. The decision of the judge will be final.
20. Violations of the rules (such as consulting after pressing the signal button, or blurting out an answer before being recognized will disqualify a team on that question and
 - A. on the toss-up question the other team will be given the option of answering the question for the full point value.
 - B. on the bonus question, no points will be awarded.
21. In case of equipment malfunction, it shall be the judges' discretion to modify the timing and/or signaling.

NOTE: There is probably no better way to prepare your team than by practice. The purpose of practice is to sharpen instant recall by constant drilling. A typical Academic Quiz Bowl match includes questions from all realms of knowledge. You may want to develop two or three teams at the local level so that they can play each other for practice, but only two teams plus alternates may represent your school the day of the actual Quiz Bowl. There will be no practice time given to bye teams. Practice may be done on your own time outside of the competition area.

Additional details will be sent to you after we receive your entry form.

Tournament schedule, format and rules are subject to change. All changes will be announced.

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

ROBOTICS COMPETITION
A "Peter Kiewit Institute,
University of Nebraska Lincoln (Omaha Campus) College of Engineering, and University of Nebraska
Lincoln (Omaha Campus) Department of Computer and Electronics Engineering" Competition

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair, the University of Nebraska Lincoln (Omaha Campus) College of Engineering, the University of Nebraska Lincoln (Omaha Campus) Department of Computer and Electronics Engineering and the Peter Kiewit Institute will sponsor a Robotics Competition for Grades 6-12.

Awards given will be:

Grades 6-8

1 st place team	CEENbot Robot provided by University of Nebraska Lincoln (Omaha Campus) Department of Computer and Electronics Engineering Plaque for the school Rosettes for team members
2 nd place team	Plaque for the school Rosettes for team members
3 rd -4 th place teams	Rosettes for team members

Grades 9-12

1 st place team	Plaque for the school Rosettes for team members
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Team members in grades 9-10 will receive registration to Engineering Exploration Week (EEW) provided by University of Nebraska Lincoln (Omaha Campus) College of Engineering at The Peter Kiewit Institute in summer 2010 and team members in grades 11-12 will receive a \$200 scholarship provided by The Peter Kiewit Institute (PKI) for use in a PKI program.

2 nd place team	Plaque for the school Rosettes for team members
3 rd - 4 th place teams	Rosettes for team members

Each competitor will receive a participation T-shirt.

Rules and Entry Information

1. This competition is open to students in Nebraska schools who have completed 6th through 12th grade during the spring or summer of 2008.
2. The divisions are as follows: Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12.
3. The robotics competition will be divided into three separate sections: written, demonstration, and documentation. The written section will count for 40% of the score with the demonstration and documentation each counting for 30% of the score for a total of 100%.
4. Rules:
 - No team may have more than 4 team members; however, less is acceptable
 - Teams must participate in all parts of the contest
 - Written examination will last 1 hour
 - All types of robots are allowed
 - Written exams will not be returned
 - There is no limit on the number of teams from a school
5. The WRITTEN examination will verify the needed skills to work with robots and will cover a wide range of topics pertaining to robotics. 1 hour will be allowed for the exam which will include multiple choice and short answer questions. General knowledge of mathematics and electric systems will be included on the exam as well as the specific topics listed below:
 - Definition of a robot

- Robotics history
- Uses of robots
- Component identification

In addition, the grades 9-12 test will cover

- Communications
- Construction
- Design
- Circuit Analysis

- The score of the team member with the lowest written exam score will be thrown out and the rest of the scores average to get a team score.
- The DEMONSTRATION portion of the competition will showcase the completed project that each team brings to the competition. Each team will have up to 10 (ten) minutes to complete a series of required tasks. Additionally, each team will have up to 5 (five) minutes to demonstrate at least one "special feature" of their own choosing. This feature can be as simple as displaying a pattern on Light Emitting Diodes (LEDs) or as complex as laying music on a robot-mounted speaker.
- Required tasks for Grades 6-8 include:
 - Robot MUST be human controlled
 - Drive in a straight line
 - Make 90, 180, and 360 degree turns
 - Drive in a circle
 - Drive in a square
 - Traverse Maze without Hitting walls/obstacles
- Required tasks for Grades 9-12 include:
 - Robot MUST be autonomous
 - Follow a wall or a line on the floor
 - Avoid Obstacles
 - Follow a pre-programmed path
- The demonstration portion will be scored as follows:
60% of the score comes from meeting the required tasks
40% of the score comes from the complexity and elegance of the Special Feature
- The DOCUMENTATION component is a written report that describes the activities that led up to the completion of the entry. This report should include at least the following sections:
 - Introduction
 - Robot type (Model, Manufacturer, etc.)
 - Description of Project
 - Description of Special Feature
 - Individual Contributions (what each group member did)
 - Resources utilized
 - Conclusion

Note: Any additional sections the team wants to include are encouraged.
- The documentation will be scored on completeness, grammar/sentence structure, and presentation.
- The documentation must be presented in a standard 3-ring binder no larger than 1.5". The binder must be received at the State Fair office no later than 5 pm on Wednesday, August 26, 2009. This will give the judges time to read and score this section before the competition day to speed up tallying of results.
- The competition will be held on Saturday, August 29, in the Youth Complex Demonstration Rooms. Registration is at 4:00 p.m. with the written exam scheduled to begin at 4:15.
- Entry forms must be received no later than July 20, 2009. Documentation notebooks must be received no later than 5 pm on August 26. A separate entry form is required for each competition and each division.

Please see Ticket Policy and Entry Information on page 4.

SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair will sponsor a Science Competition. Awards given in each division will be:

Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-10 and 11-12	
1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3rd-6th place	Rosettes

All competitors shall receive a participation T-shirt.

Note the addition of 3rd grade this year.

Rules and Entry Information

1. This competition is open to students in Nebraska schools who have completed 3rd through 12th grade during the spring or summer of 2009.
2. This competition shall be entered by divisions as follows:

Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12
3. The main focus of each competition will be as follows:
Grades 4-5: *the solar system, pre-historic life, weather, Measurements, magnetism, and recycling*
Grades 6-8: *maps and orienteering, genetics, scientific Research, measurements, electricity, and chemistry*
Grades 9-10: *Biology and physical science*
Grades 11-12: *Chemistry, physics, anatomy, and Physiology*
4. Schools may enter up to 10 students per division.
5. **Entry forms must be received by July 20, 2009. Separate entry forms must be used for each division and competition.**
6. The competition will be held on **Saturday, August 29, 2009**, on the 4th Floor of the Grandstand. **Competitors should report for check in at 8:15am, and the competition will begin at 8:30am.** Adult sponsors **must** accompany their students for check in. Those students without sponsors are ineligible to participate.
7. The test will be timed. Tests will be graded directly after the competition. Rankings beyond 6th place will not be disclosed. Awards will be given directly after completion of the grading. Tests will not be returned.
8. The test key answers will be the only answers considered. Answers requiring labels **must** be labeled.
9. Pencils will be furnished by the Nebraska State Fair.
10. Final standings by school will be sent to the sponsors 2-4 weeks after the Fair.

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

SCIENCE DISPLAY COMPETITION

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair will sponsor a Science Display Competition. Awards given in each division will be:

1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3rd-6th place	Ribbons

Rules and Entry Information

1. This competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed grades K through 12th during the spring or summer of 2009.
2. Projects must be entered and will be judged by the following divisions:

Grades K – 2	Grades 3 - 5
Grades 6 – 8	Grades 9 - 12

3. Projects will be judged on the student's ability to utilize and show inquisitiveness, research and exploration. Projects should formulate an idea, show material gathered and investigative research. Results of research should be displayed. A project following the steps of scientific research will be rated higher than simply a display of student-built apparatus. Clarity is a must and originality is a plus. Make certain that the project is the work of the entrant and is age appropriate.
4. Schools may enter no more than 6 displays per division and no more than 3 displays from any grade. **PROJECTS MUST NOT OCCUPY AN AREA LARGER THAN 3FT TALL X 2 1/2FT WIDE X 1 1/2FT DEEP.** Projects can be smaller than indicated size
5. Students need to include the following information:
 - a. Clearly include and label the hypothesis, procedure, data, and conclusions
 - b. State how you thought of the project
 - c. List your research sources, if you had any
 - d. If operational, include instructions
 - e. Mention all people who assisted and their role
 - f. Label project with your name, grade, school, district number, and county on the front of the project so it is visible, or the project will be disqualified
6. **Final Entry forms must be received by July 20, 2009. The actual display should be delivered to The Bob Devaney Center on Wednesday, August 26 from 1:00 to 6:00 pm. Projects may also be delivered to the Administration Building prior to August 26 if the only set-up required is opening a display board. Projects received after 6:00 pm on August 26 will not be judged. You may not enter the same project twice.** If this is done the student will be disqualified.

Separate entry forms must be used for each division and competition.

7. Entries will be **released from 5:00 – 6:00 pm, Monday, September 7th.** Unless other pick-up arrangements have been made with the Nebraska State Fair Education department personnel, projects not claimed will be taken to the Administration Building.

Projects remaining unclaimed after September 30, 2009 will be destroyed.

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

SERVICE PROJECT COMPETITION

A new competition this year is the Service Project Competition. Individuals and school groups are encouraged to design and perform service to their communities. School group projects and individual projects will be judged separately.

Awards given in school group projects will be:

1st place	Plaque, rosette
2nd place	Plaque, rosette
3rd-6th place	Rosettes

Awards given in individual projects will be:

1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3rd-6th place	Rosettes

Rules and Entry Information

1. The competition is open to students in Nebraska schools that have completed 3rd through 12th grade in the spring or summer of 2009.
2. The competition must be entered and will be judged in the following divisions:
 - School group Grades 3-12
 - Individual Grades 6-12
3. The school division entries should be presented on a 3- dimensional standard science display board. Individual projects may be presented on the 3-dimensional standard science display board or on one sheet of 22x28 poster board.
4. The service projects will be displayed in the Devaney Center in the area with the science displays.
5. The entry should focus on some project the school group or individual did to meet some need in the community. The project must be self-initiated and not designed for the purpose of earning an award.

6. Display should include:
 Typewritten description of project
 At least one photo of the project, more are preferred
 Newspaper clippings, if your project had news coverage
 Item made, if your project involved making something
 Answers to the following questions
- Where did you get the idea for the project?
 - When did you start it?
 - Has the project been concluded or is it ongoing?
 - What need was met in your community?
 - What was your goal in doing your project?
 - What was your impact? For example...if you collected items, how many did you collect? If you raised money, how much did you raise? If you taught something, how many people did you teach?
 - How many people were reached by your project?
 - What was your time commitment? For example...the number of hours you spent taking nursing home residents for walks, collecting and delivering DVD's for children's hospitals, or preparing and teaching children how to bake cookies, etc.
- NOTE: The answers to the above questions may be included in the typewritten description or displayed separately on the board.
7. State how many hours of this project were used to meet your school's graduation community service requirement, if any.
8. State who was involved with the project. Group projects should list all team members as well as sponsoring teacher(s). Individual projects should list who assisted with the project and what role they played. For example, if a parent provided transportation or printed materials or constructed something for you, say so. Or if your friends helped you collect recyclables or sell lemonade at your stand, tell how many helped and how much time they contributed.
16. Service projects must be received by 6 pm on August 26. They may be delivered to the Bob Devaney Center on Wednesday, August 26 between 1 pm and 6 pm. However, if the only set-up the entry requires is opening a display board or hanging a poster, the entry may be delivered to the State Fair Administration Building any time before 1 pm on August 26.

SHAKESPEARE MONOLOGUE CONTEST

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair will sponsor a Shakespeare Monologue Competition. Awards given will be:

1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3 rd -6 th place	Rosettes

All competitors shall receive a T-shirt.

Rules and Entry Information

1. Students in the 6-12th grades are eligible. If there are sufficient entries, there will be two divisions, Grades 6-8 and Grades 9-12. Schools may enter up to five students per division in the Monologue Contest.
2. **Entry Forms must be received by July 20, 2009. Separate entry forms must be used for each competition.**
3. The Competition will take place on **Sunday, August 30th** at the 4-H Youth Complex. Check in at 9:45 am with contest scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. Note that this contest will run simultaneously with Improv. Schedules will be worked so that students may compete in both, as well as in the Impromptu speech competition.
4. Students will choose a monologue from any of Shakespeare's plays (not sonnets) to perform. The cutting must be from 25-60 lines long and must be memorized.
5. Before student recites the piece, he or she will introduce the play it is taken from, and the character they are assuming and perhaps a few words of explanation about why the character is saying this monologue.
6. One hand prop is allowed if desired. The student must provide this prop. Simple costuming is allowed as well but should not interfere with the pace of the contest (no rooms will be on hand to change clothes in.)
7. Judging will be based on:
 - choice of the piece for the individual performer
 - believability and skill of the actor
 - pacing of the piece

- actor's vocal qualities and physical
- responsiveness

Please see Ticket Policy on page 4.

SOCIAL STUDIES COMPETITION A NEBRASKAland Competition
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The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair and NEBRASKAland Foundation will sponsor a Social Studies Competition. Awards given in each division will be:

Grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-10, and 11-12

1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3rd-6th place	Rosettes

Each competitor will receive a participation T-shirt.

Note the addition of 3rd grade this year.

Rules and Entry Information

1. This competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed 3rd through 12th grade during the spring or summer of 2009.
2. This competition must be entered and will be judged in the following divisions:

Grades 3-5	Grades 6-8
Grades 9-10	Grades 11-12
3. Approximately half of each exam will focus on Nebraska. The other half will vary according to grade divisions as detailed below:
 - Grades 3-5 - *Nebraska & US Geography*
 - Grades 6-8 - *Nebraska & US History*
 - Grades 9-10 - *Nebraska personalities in Art, Literature, and Entertainment & World History and Geography*
 - Grades 11-12 – *Nebraska, US, and World Government & Current political, social, and economic issues*
4. Schools may enter up to 15 students per division, but no more than 10 from any one grade.
5. **Final entry forms must be received by July 20, 2009.**
Separate entry forms **must** be used for each **division** and **competition**.
6. The competition will be held on **Saturday, August 29, 2009** on the 4th Floor of the Grandstand. **Competitors should report for check in at 9:45 am and the competition will begin at 10:00 am.** Adult sponsors **must** accompany their students for check in. Those students without sponsors are ineligible to participate.
7. The test will be timed. Tests will be graded directly after the competition. Rankings beyond 6th place will not be disclosed. Awards will be given directly after the competition.
8. The test key answers will be the only answers considered. Tests will not be returned.
9. Pencils will be furnished by the Nebraska State Fair.
10. Final standings by school will be sent to the sponsors 2-4 weeks after the Fair.

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***For Nebraska information write the NEBRASKA Tourism Office, PO Box 9466, Lincoln, NE or call 800-228-4357.**

SPELLING CONTEST

The Education Department of the Nebraska State Fair will sponsor a Spelling Bee Competition for Grades 3-8 and Grades 9-12. Awards given will be:

1st place	\$100 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
2nd place	\$50 Savings Bond, plaque, rosette
3 rd -6 th place	Rosettes

Each competitor will receive a participation T-shirt.

Note the addition of Grade 3 and Grades 9-12 this year.

Rules and Entry Information

1. This competition is open to students from Nebraska schools that have completed 3rd through 12th grades during the spring or summer of 2009. There will be two divisions this year, **Grades 3-8 and Grades 9-12**.
2. Entries are limited to 30 students per division from each school.
3. Final entry forms must be received by **July 20, 2009**.
4. This competition will be held on **Sunday, August 30, 2009** on 4th Floor of the Grandstand. Check in will begin at 8:15 am for all students. Competition for Grades 3-8 will begin at 8:30 and competition for Grades 9-12 will begin at approximately 9:00 a.m.
5. The entire spelling contest will be in written form. All contestants in each division will spell the same words.
6. All contestants in Grades 3-8 will spell for 3 rounds of 10 words in each round. Papers will be collected and scored by the judges after each round. At the end of 3 rounds, there will be a break for compiling scores. Students who have missed less than 10 words will return for three additional rounds. At this time, those contestants in Grades 9-12 will join the remaining spellers in Grades 3-8.
7. Three rounds of 10 words each will then be given to the remaining contestants in Grades 3-8 and all of the contestants in Grades 9-12. At the end of round 6, there will be a break for compiling scores. Students in Grades 3- 8 will be finished at this time. Students in Grades 9-12 who have missed less than 10 words will return for two additional rounds. If a tie exists between the top contestants in Grades 9-12 following those two rounds, the contestants will continue spelling additional rounds until the tie is broken. Prizes are awarded to the top six spellers in each division.
8. The dictionary that is present will be the Final Authority.
9. Write or print all words plainly. Dot all i's, cross all t's, close all o's and a's. Rather than erase a word, to change the spelling, just draw one line through the word and write the word with the amended spelling.
10. Each contestant will be assigned a number which is to be placed front of the contestant on the table. The student will put the number on the test sheet as well as the round number.
11. It might be helpful to listen to the word being used in a sentence before beginning writing. At the end of each round, the enunciator will repeat words for that round, if requested.
12. Test sheets will not be returned at any time. The decision of the judges is final.

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The Education Department sponsors would enjoy hearing about your experience at the Nebraska State Fair, please write to:

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