

**C**ongratulations! You made it. Your invention has been chosen as one of the best in your school and will compete at the 2011 Invention Convention at Great Lakes Science Center.

Here's what is in your Invention Convention packet. (If any information is missing, contact your teacher or coordinator right away):

1. Directions to Great Lakes and a diagram of the Stem Wing.
2. Detailed Agenda that tells you everything you need to know.
3. Quick Reference Student Fact Sheet.
4. You will pick up your badge at Great Lakes Saturday morning at check in just outside the stem wing.

## Arrival and set up

*All inventions must be  
**COMPLETELY SET UP**  
by 11AM Saturday,  
May 7, 2011.*

Student Inventors please pick up your badges at check in and set up your invention at your booth.

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set up by Saturday.*

**Invention Model Size.** Remember your model must fit on a table top and be no larger than 2 feet by 3 feet. A backboard is not required.

**Journal.** You must have your journal.

**Electricity.** No electricity is available at Great Lakes for any invention.

**Parking.** Parking at standard Great Lakes Science Center rates.

Please honor spaces marked "handicapped" unless you are eligible.

**Guest Policy.** Each inventor may bring guests to the Invention Convention after judging Invention Convention will open to the public. Of course, teachers, school coordinators and school officials are welcome to attend.

## Evaluation of Student Inventors by the Judges

Each inventor will be evaluated twice – once each by two different judges during a 30 minute time period that corresponds to the inventor's colored plastic badge holder. (Please note: badge numbers identify WHERE each inventor sets up their invention. Badge color identifies WHEN the student inventor will meet with judges.) During the assigned time, students must be at their invention booth ready to talk with judges. If students are not at their booth during their assigned time they will be disqualified. If a team entry, All must be present at judging. Parents are not permitted in the invention area during evaluation. The judging schedule is as follows:

Judging Times	
Badge Color	Judging Time
Red .....	Noon - 12:30
Blue .....	12:30 - 1:00
Green.....	1:30 - 2:00
Yellow .....	2:00 - 2:30

When inventors are not being evaluated by the judges, they may participate in other activities or get a snack.

**Awards Ceremony/Program  
begins at 4:00PM.**



## About the Judges

Our judges have been selected for their knowledge and interest, and represent business, education and the community at large. Some are inventors, but all are really nice people who care about your ideas. Be relaxed. Have fun. When you talk to the judges pretend you are talking to mom or dad. All of them are excited to be here to see your inventions and to meet you.

## About Your Evaluation

The judges will ask you all about your project: 1) what the problem is, 2) how you found it, 3) what different ideas you thought of to solve your problem, 4) why you picked the one that is now your invention. They'll want to see your journal, and have you explain your model and show how it solves the problem. It'll be fun! After the judges talk with you, they will complete their evaluation form. The results are only used for the Invention Convention and will not be made public. Remember, you are not finished until you talk to two different judges. The decisions of the judges is final.

## Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will start at 4:00pm at Main Stage in the Atrium. During the ceremony, winners in each grade category, and the overall grand prize Award, will be announced and scholarships awarded. **You Must Be Present To Win Your Scholarship. If you leave the premises, the next in line will receive the award.**

## Awards

Prizes are awarded according to the Official Rules for the Invention Convention. Awards will be made in 6 grade categories: Grades K-2; 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7-8. In each category, there will be a First place award of \$500 College Scholarship awarded through The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority, Ohio's College Advantage 529 Plan. The best single invention at the convention, will be awarded last and will receive a \$2,500 College Scholarship awarded through The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority, Ohio's College Advantage 529 Plan. . "Team entries divide prizes evenly among all team members. **You Must Be Present To Win Your Scholarship. If you leave the premises, the next in line will receive the award.**

*There are several NEW awards each year... stay tuned!!!*

## Clean-Up and Departure

After the Awards Ceremony, inventors must remove their invention displays by 5:00pm (except for winners who are participating in media interviews). Any materials left behind will become the property of the Invention Convention.

## Other Invention Convention Activities

While you are not being evaluated there are lots of things for you to see & do. Great Lakes is an awesome place to be.

## Food

The cafe is open on the first floor.

## Questions

If you have questions, ask anyone wearing an Invention Convention shirt. Before the Convention, ask your teacher or school district coordinator.

*Because more than 100 students are participating, there are no exceptions to the agenda or schedule for individual inventors.*

If information is missing from your registration kit, contact your teacher or coordinator right away.

## Congratulations...

**Have Fun &  
GOOD LUCK!!**

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