The David Frank Grether Central Minnesota Regional Science Fair and Research Paper Program will take place on Saturday, February 22, 2014, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on the campus of St. Cloud State University. Students in grades 6-12 are eligible to enter an exhibit and/or present research papers.

Projects are to be set up between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. in assigned locations in the Ballroom of the Atwood Memorial Center. The projects will be grouped and judged by category and grade level. Judging will take place during two time periods. One-half of the projects will be judged between 9:00 and 10:30 a.m., the second group will be judged between 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. A movie will be available for the participants in the Atwood Little Theater while they are not being judged.

No formal lunch or luncheon program is scheduled. Participants may bring bag lunches, eat on campus, order pizzas, etc., from local establishments, or eat at numerous fast-food franchises within 1-3 miles of campus. The awards ceremony will begin at 1:45 p.m. in the Ritchie Auditorium in Stewart Hall. Projects must be removed from the Atwood Ballroom by 1:30 p.m.

The registration fee for an exhibit is $10.00 PER STUDENT. For students entering the research paper competition the registration fee is a $10.00 PER STUDENT. All fees are per individual, which means that each student in a cooperative project or paper must pay the appropriate fee. Registration forms for exhibits are to be completed and received by February 14th. Please note that because of the large number of registrants we cannot guarantee that late registrations will be judged. Registration information is available at the CMR website listed at the bottom of this page.

It is important to note that for ALL PROJECTS it is necessary to complete the ISEF checklist for Adult Sponsor/Safety Assessment Form, and forms 1A Research Plan and 1B Approval Form as well as any other necessary forms depending on the nature of the project. This is an absolute requirement for any project that will be considered for going on to the state science fair. Any project without the appropriate completed forms will not be allowed to go on to the state science fair. All of the forms can be obtained directly from the Science Service website or the CMR website listed at the bottom of the page:

http://www.societyforscience.org/isef

Should you have any questions about the necessary forms please contact:

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Please note that in addition to the basic forms required for all projects, an Abstract is also required. A handout on Abstract writing, as well as a copy of the ISEF abstract form, is available on the CMR website. In addition to the required forms, it is strongly recommended to duplicate copies of the three page ISEF student handbook for each student, which is available from the Science Service website or the CMR website listed at the bottom of the page.

NOTE: Do NOT mail the ISEF checklist for Adult Sponsor/Safety Assessment Form, forms 1A Research Plan and 1B Approval Form, or the abstract with the completed registration form. These forms are to be brought by the student on the day of the fair.

Those wishing to compete in the Research Paper Program must submit papers (three copies) by the February 4th deadline. Registration forms for the Research Paper Program are available at the CMR website listed at the bottom of this page. Please note the special instructions and information at the bottom of the Research Paper Registration form. Please be sure to check the type of research--either investigative project or library research. After preliminary judging, oral presentations will be by invitation only. Those invited to present their papers will be notified by February 19th.

Purple ribbon winners in grades 6-12 will be eligible to attend the State Science Fair March 30-April 1, 2014. In addition to the numerous awards given by the region, special awards will be made numerous organizations. Our two top winners and an observer, in grades 9-12, will also receive an expense-paid trip to represent Central Minnesota at the International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California on May 11-16, 2014.

Any questions can be directed to: Dr. Jack F. McKenna (320) 308-3032 (e-mail: JFMCKENNA@stcloudstate.edu) Check out our Central Minnesota Regional Science Fair website at:

http://web.stcloudstate.edu/jfmckenna/Regional%20Science%20Fair/sciencefair.html