



Science Discovery Program - Application

The Science Discovery Program will be held Monday through Friday the week of August 9th through August 13th, 2010.

Criteria and Requirements:

1. Students must be 9 to 13 years old by August, 2010. Case by case exceptions to the upper age limit will be at the discretion of your County's 4-H Agent.
2. Students must complete a Science Discovery Program Application which can be downloaded and returned via email. Application is due to the local 4-H office by Friday, May, 28th.
3. Students must be able to articulate:
 - Why they want to participate and what they believe they will get out of the program.
 - What value they believe they can contribute to the program.
 - Their intent to participate in a future science fair event
4. Students must provide at least one recommendation from their school community. This reference may be from any teacher, counselor, principal or other school official.
5. Upon notification of acceptance into the program, the \$100 tuition fee is due to your County's 4-H program.

A selection committee comprised of 4-H Youth Development Professionals will review all applications. Finalists will be selected according to the criteria listed below.

Evaluation Criteria:

Each application will be judged on its own merits. Students will be selected on the basis of their:

- ★ Demonstration of scientific interest
- ★ Intent to continue scientific interests through science fair participation
- ★ Recommendation of school reference
- ★ Preference is given to youth who intend to compete in an upcoming 4-H science fair event, 4-H presentation event, and/or submit a 4-H project record.

Selection and class make-up:

The selection committee will strive to choose applicants who represent a motivated and scientifically curious cross-section of youth through the south piedmont of North Carolina. Up to 10 students will be chosen from each county to form a diverse group of individuals based on experience, interests, backgrounds and strengths. Diversity of education programs as well as geographic diversity within the southern piedmont community will also be taken into consideration.

Applications for Summer 2010 are now being accepted at your County's local 4-H office.

Email to: Chris_Caveny-Cox@ncsu.edu OR Mail to: Gaston County Extension Service, P.O. Box 1578, Gastonia, NC 28053-1578, Attn: Science Discovery Program



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Name	School	
Address	Email address	Current Grade / Level in School (i.e. 3 rd)
City	State, Zip	
Home Phone and Cell Phone	Parent(s)/Guardian Email	
Contact Information: Parent(s) or Guardian Name	Parent(s) or Guardian Home address (if different from student's)	
	Parent(s) or Guardian Work phone	

Why are you interested in this program, and what do you hope to get out of it? (50 words or less)

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I plan to apply what I learn at the Science Discovery Program by (select one – contact your 4-H agent for event details)

- Competing in 2010 West-Central District 4-H Science Fair (November 2010)
- Submitting a 2010 4-H Project Record (December 2010)
- Competing in local 2010 4-H Presentations (June 2010)

Applicant's Signature:

Parental approval required

I give my permission for my child, _____, to participate in this program.
(print student's name)

Upon notification of acceptance into the program, I will pay my local 4-H office the agreed upon tuition fee. I understand that scholarships are potentially available, and we will make every effort to accept youth into the program regardless of financial restrictions. For more information, contact Chris Caveny-Cox at 704/922-2110.

Signature

print name

date

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You are also required to provide one letter of recommendation from an individual at your school other than a family member. This letter can be mailed to Gaston County Extension Service, Attn: Science Discovery Program, P.O. Box 1578, Gastonia, NC 28053-1578, or emailed to Chris Caveny-Cox at: Chris_Caveny-Cox@ncsu.edu. *Student name **MUST** be in subject line.

Reference Letter: Science Discovery Program 2010
(Please type all information)

Student Name _____ School _____

What is your relationship/involvement with this student? _____

Please explain why you recommend this student for the Science Discovery Program. What evidence of scientific interest and/or talents have you observed in this individual? In what ways do you feel they would benefit from such a program? (see event brochure for description of the Science Discovery Program.)

Signature: _____ Print Name: _____ Date: _____