

# Connecticut Invention Convention 2009 Winter Newsletter

*Important information on deadlines and upcoming related events*

March, 2009

## **Participation Countdown!** *Connecticut Invention Convention* **May 2, 2009!**

*University of Connecticut,  
Storrs*

1. Finish all inventions during the months of January, February, and March.
2. Select the students to represent your school at CIC. A school convention is the best way and should be held no later than March 31. This provides adequate time to submit student registrations.
3. A new, secure on-line registration is in development to accept students invention and related participant information. In the event that this system is not ready in time to accept student data, we will use the traditional paper format available on our website.
4. **All student registration checks should be sent to CIC no later than April 17, 2009.** Checks only - no purchase orders. Each student must send in completed form with \$20 fee per student to:  
CIC  
PO Box 230311  
Hartford, CT 06123-0311
4. Each registered student will receive a participant packet with additional details.
5. Sponsoring teachers will receive a copy of materials that are sent, just in case any student loses his/her information.  
**Teachers:** Feel free to duplicate the registration form from the participation packet for students.

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## **CIC Participation and Support Grows!**

The Connecticut Invention Convention (CIC), long recognized for its commitment and excellence in creative learning processes for the K-8th grade population, has enjoyed a 39 percent increase in the number of schools participating in this year's convention. We are expecting close to 700 participants this year!

Along with an increase in school and individual participation, we are happy to report an increase of support from Connecticut employers. The CIC gratefully acknowledges the support from the following companies.

- Allstom Power
- Bank of America
- Comcast
- Connecticut Light and Power
- Connecticut Science Center
- Connecticut Space Grant College Consortium
- DeLuca Foundation
- GE Consumer and Industrial
- General Dynamics Electric Boat
- Lincoln Financial Group
- Loureiro Engineering
- Microsoft
- The Stanley Works
- The State of Connecticut
- SUBWAY
- United Technologies Corporation
- University of Conn School of Engineering

If you or students are interested in helping to personally thank these companies for their support, please contact Helen Charov to coordinate-  
Helen.charov@ctinventionconvention.org .



## **April 15 is Connecticut Invention Convention Day at the State Capitol**

Bring your students to the Capitol in Hartford to exhibit their inventions to state representatives and senators while the Connecticut General Assembly is in session. Meet your local representatives and introduce them to your student inventors! This is a great opportunity to get support for your local program and get your young inventors recognition and visibility for their great ideas. For more information, please contact CIC's Helen Charov at :Helen.charov@ctinventionconvention.org



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### *Remember to Visit Our Website!*

Please visit our website often for the latest information on this year's invention. We are working on an on-line registration process for judge registration and inventor registration.

More information to follow!

Also, please remember to check out opportunities for your inventors to showcase their inventions on television.

### **Display Board and Inventor's Log Information**

Display boards may contain a variety of information and illustrations. Please make sure that the display board and invention (together) do NOT EXCEED 24 inches in length and 24 inches in width on the Display Table. Remember, inventions themselves may be located on the floor because of size or shape. Inventor's log should be on the display table, available to the viewing public and judges.

Display boards need to provide the following information:

- 1) Name, grade, school, and school district of the inventor
- 2) Name of the invention
- 3) What problem it solves
- 4) A description of how the invention actually works

### **Countdown Continued**

6. Sponsoring teachers are asked to make sure that inventors and their families understand what to do on Convention day (arrival, set up, etc.). Students and their families are responsible for getting themselves and their invention, backboard, and Inventor's Log to the convention.
7. Individual (non-school based) student registrations: Individual students may register if and only if their home school has not sent representatives to the CIC. If there are selected student inventors from your school already attending CIC, individuals may not circumvent that process and register separately. If you are eligible to register as an individual, you need to send in the \$10 fee student entry form, in addition to an initial **\$20.00** registration fee. You will receive a participant packet in response.
8. Note: Student inventors should not leave valuables unattended at their displays. CIC will not be held liable for lost or stolen items.

### **CIC Tentative Schedule**

(Final Schedule will be sent in the Participation Packet)

Registration: Begins at **8:30 a.m.**

Students will register upon arrival and make sure inventions are set up by **9:45 a.m.**

**8:30 a.m.** — Registration

**10:00 a.m.** — Opening Program

**10:45 a.m.** — Judging Circles: Student inventors & Judges

**10:45 a.m.** — View School of Engineering booths:  
All except student inventors

Tours of UConn - Parents & Teachers

**12:00 Noon** — Lunch on your own

Public Viewing of Inventions

View School of Engineering booths

Tours of UConn - Parents, Teachers,

Student Inventors

**1:30 p.m.** — Awards Ceremony

**2:30 p.m.** — Clean-up

