

**The Children's Museum of History, Natural History, Science & Technology presents**

*Our 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Science & Technology Fair Agenda*

An event for children and young people to explore and enhance their science, math & technology skills

Adopted by both NASA & Office of Science - *servicing Utica, Rome, the entire Mohawk Valley & beyond!*

**Sponsored by Pratt & Whitney HMI Metal Powders & Rotary eClub NY1**

**AGENDA, Saturday, March 31, 2012 - 311 Main Street, Utica, NY 13501**

<b>Children's Museum, 1<sup>st</sup> * 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 3<sup>rd</sup> floor</b>		
9:20am-9:30am	Fair participants and related vendors arrive at the museum to Setup their exhibits	
9:30am-12:00pm	<b>Doors open to community families, visitors, students, tourists,</b> viewing of interactive exhibits on 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> floors	<b>Greeted by Marlene B. Brown,</b> Executive Director & <b>The Children's Museum staff,</b> Monitored by museum educators & staff
9:45am-10:45pm	<b>Viewing of Fair Exhibits,</b> from school children grades 2 <sup>nd</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup> grade throughout community + 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> fl exhibits viewing	<b>Viewing of Interactive exhibits &amp; materials</b> 100's of Interactive History, Science, and Technology Exhibits on our 3 floors
<b>Participant Lunch in 1<sup>st</sup> floor kitchen, then their viewing of 4<sup>th</sup> fl – Visitors may also view 4<sup>th</sup> fl at this time</b>		
10:45p-11:15p then go view 4 <sup>th</sup> fl	Student Participant Lunch In Museum's 1 <sup>st</sup> floor kitchen ( <i>pizza, soda</i> ) <i>Museum staff keeps eye on exhibits.. Parents/ Siblings may pay &amp; order for selves</i>	<i>4<sup>th</sup> floor exhibits</i> Provided by NASA – Nat'l Aeronautic & Space Assoc., Office of Science, + planes & trains exhibits were donated and are maintained by our museum Exhibits Manager
<b>Exhibit Judging by Judges and Participants only</b>		
11:15-11:45pm	<b>Judging of Student Exhibits- 3<sup>rd</sup> floor closed to everyone except</b> students who entered projects & judges.	<b>By Event Sponsor</b> Pratt & Whitney HMI Metal Powders & <b>Museum STEM</b> related Board Members with <b>CM Director</b> Brown
<b>Parents &amp; Teachers Return to 3<sup>rd</sup> floor for Ceremony</b>		
11:45-12:05pm	<b>Science &amp; Technology Fair Prize Ceremony.</b> All parents, teachers, & visitors are invited back to the 3 <sup>rd</sup> floor to attend the prize ceremony.	<b>With Event &amp; Prize Sponsor</b> Pratt & Whitney HMI Metal Powders, introduced by Museum Executive Director Marlene Brown ( <i>press/media invited + photos will be taken</i> )
12:05pm	<b>Breakdown of Science Fair exhibits</b>	<b>CM staff</b> cleans up/picks up on floors
12:15pm	<b>Children's Museum closes</b>	<b>CM staff</b> close down & secure the building

A Congressional Commission on Advancement in Science, Engineering and Technology Development in its SET report, said "Student interest in mathematics and science must be stimulated, short-term solutions to the national shortage of STEM [Science, Technology, Engineering & Math] workers must be implemented, including programs that provide academic enrichment to students, helping them see math and science as interesting and fun". President Obama in his State of the Union Address said: "In a global economy where the most valuable skill you can sell is your knowledge, a good education .is a pre-requisite. .we know the countries that out-teach us today will out-compete us tomorrow. We have dramatically expanded early childhood education and will continue to improve its quality, because we know the most formative learning comes in those first years of life". [www.museum4kids.net](http://www.museum4kids.net)

***Come back & visit us often to interact with our educationally enjoyable exhibits as we continue to grow! AND help us Sponsor a planned STEM Center with Planetarium!***