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To: High School Biology Teachers

From: Mari Aanenson

Date: August 30, 2023

The main purpose of this letter is to provide you information about the Annual Biology Day event for high school students.

BIOLOGY DAY

Date: Friday November 3, 2022

Time: Registration begins at 8:00, events begin at 8:15, events close at 2pm

Location: Waggoner Hall, Western Illinois University

This event is intended to provide high school students the opportunity to explore various aspects of the field of Biology as well as to participate in one of two academic competitions. Students will have the opportunity to attend many different seminars. The seminars will be directed toward advanced biology and Biology II students and will include a wide variety of topics given by both WIU faculty and students. Many of the topics will include discussions of recent research while others will focus on career issues. Students will also have the opportunity to sit in on a freshman level biology lecture. In addition to the various seminars, students will have the opportunity to participate in the Biology Bowl Competition. Finally, all students will have the opportunity to participate in the hall competition. In that competition, students move through the halls of Waggoner Hall examining the various display cases, and answering questions about those displays.

The Biology Bowl Competition is designed to allow teams of four students from different schools to compete with one another regarding their biological content knowledge. We anticipate the first contest to begin at 9am, however, this may change based upon the number of schools who request to compete. Each contest will last for 15 minutes with a 5 minute intermission between contests. Due to time and space restrictions, only 12 teams will be allowed to compete. Therefore, teams will be accepted for competition based on a first-come-

first-served basis. Those first 12 schools will be notified via e-mail and specific contest rules will be sent at that time.

Awards will be given for first, second, and third place teams for the Biology Bowl Competition as follows: (a) first place – individual student trophies, a school trophy, and a lab kit valued at \$175.00; (b) second place – individual student trophies, a school trophy, and a lab kit valued at \$125.00; and (c) third place – individual student trophies, a school trophy, and lab kit valued at \$100.00. Awards will also be given for the first prize winner in the Hall Competition for those students who work independently.

A school application is attached. If you need additional copies, you may either make a photocopy or download the application from the web at:

https://www.wiu.edu/cas/biological_sciences/events.php

Registration Check List:

_____ Completed Registration Form

_____ Completed Student Information Form: Please indicate the names of students you anticipate participating in the Biology Bowl Competition. Also, please indicate the number of students you are registering total based upon the science course they are taking this year.

_____ Model Release Forms for Students/Teachers (may be brought the day of the Event): We ask that each student participating in Biology Day complete and have their parents complete a Model Release form. We also ask each teacher and chaperone bringing a group to Biology Day to complete a Model Release form. These forms allow you to indicate whether or not the University may display your likeness on web pages, brochures, and other forms wherein the Biology Day event is discussed. We would like to be able to display pictures from this event and to display the likenesses of the Biology Bowl and Hall Competition Winners with their sponsors.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM
ANNUAL BIOLOGY DAY EVENT**

Registration Due: Monday, NOVEMBER 1, 2023

Department of Biological Sciences
Western Illinois University
Macomb, IL 61455

Teacher/School Information:

Teacher's Name _____ Position _____

School _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

e-mail _____

Daytime phone number(s): _____

Number of Students: How many students do you plan to bring to the event? _____

Additional Chaperones _____ **Parking Pass Needed?** ____ Yes ____ No

Registration Fee:

School Registration Fee \$20.00 _____

Check Enclosed _____ Will pay upon arrival _____

Biology Bowl Information:

Do you plan to have a team participate in the Biology Bowl Competition: ____ Yes ____ No

What time do you anticipate your team arriving for the day's events? _____

(Note: This information is important as we plan the schedule for the competitions.)

RETURN BY MONDAY, November 1 2023, or before, to:

Mari Aanenson
Department of Biological Sciences
Western Illinois University
1 University Circle
Macomb, IL 61455

FEEL FREE TO DUPLICATE ANY OF THESE FORMS AS NEEDED

STUDENT INFORMATION

Part I: Please complete this section. It will help the various presenters as they prepare for their sessions.

Total numbers of students coming to the Biology Day Event from each course type: _____

Biology I: _____

Biology II: _____

AP Biology: _____

Ecology: _____

Other Courses - List title and number of attendees

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

OVERALL TOTAL ATTENDING FROM THIS SCHOOL: _____

Part II: Complete this section if you plan to bring a Biology Bowl Team.

Names of Students participating in the Biology Bowl.

Name (Grade Level)

Name (Grade Level)

_____	_____
_____	_____

Attach a second sheet listing the names of all students you plan to bring to the Biology Day event.



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Model Release Form

I, _____ (print name), do hereby give Western Illinois University its assigns, licensees, and legal representatives the irrevocable right to use my name (or any fictional name), picture, portrait, photograph, and/or video image in all forms and media (including the Internet) by Western Illinois University, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished version(s), including written copy that may be created in connection therewith. I am an adult. I have read this release and am fully familiar with its contents.

Model Signature: _____

Local Address (street, city, state, zip): _____

E-mail Address: _____

School: _____

Grade Level or Teacher: _____

Appearance Description: _____

Witness Signature Date: _____

Address: _____

ADULT CONSENT (IF UNDER 18 or if still enrolled in a K-12 school)

I am the parent or guardian of the minor named above and have the legal authority to execute the above release. I _____ approve the foregoing and waive any rights in the premises.

Parent or Guardian Signature/ Date: _____

Address _____

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