



North Bay Science Discovery Day

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Event Update

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Get Kids Excited about STEM Education and Careers!

Event Day of Saturday, October 26, 2019, was cancelled

DISCOVERY DAY EVENT CLOSURE

Thank you for your continued interest and support in our North Bay Science Discovery Day. The abrupt cancellation of the event only 20 minutes prior to opening the gates to 17,000 visitors was extremely disappointing, although obviously necessary. The buildings were needed for evacuees. We completely understood.

Friday, the day before the event, we were worried but we were assured the buildings would be available. Plans were made to shift all the parking to the race track area and have the entrance moved to Gate 7, which gave room for Cal Fire's set up. But overnight the strength and direction of the winds blew up the fire and blew away our prospects. On Saturday morning, we hopefully continued ahead, but at approximately 9:40 am, we were informed that evacuation orders would be issued by the Sonoma Sheriff's Office. The calm and efficient manner that everyone closed down the event was remarkable. We appreciate everyone's efforts. After an entire year's work to put this event together, the committee members were, indeed, very sad.

The Fairgrounds (staff, security, buildings, maintenance, etc) is our biggest budget item, and we were overwhelmed and very grateful that the Fairgrounds is providing us with a 100% credit to our next event. We are honoring all of our sponsors of 2019 and rolling them over to 2020.

We do not know yet when the next Discovery Day will be, as we are reassessing the timing of the event. We are working with the Fairgrounds, educators, and exhibitors to come up with our next event date and will announce it as soon as possible.

After a decade of being the Chair of the organizing committee (following retirement from education), I am turning over the leadership to Steven Worker who is an excellent manager of youth activities. I will continue on the committee as needed to help in the transition. I have thoroughly enjoyed building this event into the success that it is, and I appreciate everyone's willingness to volunteer, to be an exhibitor, to be a sponsor, to be a committee member, or to be an attendee. This has been a very satisfying time in my life, and I am very proud of my involvement with NBSDD.

-- Carole Bennett, Chair

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OUTGOING CHAIR Carole Bennett, Ed.D., retired Santa Rosa Junior College instructor.

INCOMING CHAIR Steven Worker, Ph.D., administrator with UC system for 4-H groups.

Many thanks to our sponsors and partners! They are the reason the North Bay Science Discovery Day is free to all. This event could not take place without them!



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Next date yet to be determined
Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Santa Rosa, CA

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