

# Explore Canada's Largest Youth STEM Event at **Canada-Wide Science Fair 2022!**

## Safety Features for Student Visitor Accounts

**At Youth Science Canada, we value the safety of students across Canada. We have many safety features as part of our school visits platform**

- All data are stored on servers located in Canada with robust security.
- We have a filter blocking inappropriate words in comments. We also have a team regularly monitoring these comments. In addition, any user on the platform can report inappropriate comments and our team immediately reviews those reports.
- All CWSF projects posted by finalists have been reviewed by Youth Science Canada's National Ethics and Safety Committee to ensure that they meet our standards.

**There are two options for creating student accounts**

- Generic student accounts created by teachers. We recommend this for younger students as it is the most confidential option.
- Personal accounts created by students.

**Safety features that apply to generic student accounts**

- Students do not need to enter any personal information to attend. They do NOT need to provide their name, their email, their location, or any other personal information.
- Teachers will create an account and be able to easily create generic student accounts. Only teachers will know which generic account corresponds to their individual students. Students interact on the platform using a generic username created by their teacher.
- All students' interactions, like commenting on projects and asking questions to exhibitors, are publicly visible. Private chat or conversation between visiting students or between visiting adults and students is not supported.
- Students are NOT permitted to post a personal photo as their profile image. They will be provided with a generic profile image.
- All communication is sent to teachers. Teachers can decide what information to share with their students. No messages are sent directly to students.
- Students may click a button to indicate interest in a program offered by one of our sponsors (e.g., colleges, universities, non-profit STEM organizations, science magazines, etc.); however, sponsors are never provided student information. Requested information is sent to the teacher with the User ID for the student that demonstrated interest. Teachers can decide whether to share the information with the student.

**Safety features that apply to personal accounts created by students**

- When signing up for the first time, every user must agree to being positive and constructive while using the platform. Digital Literacy Skills are also presented to students signing up to ensure a fun, safe and educational environment for everyone. Students are also reminded not to post any personal information when commenting.



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