



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What equipment do I need to shoot the video?

You can use a basic video camera or you could also use a digital camera or camera phone with video capabilities. We recommend that you use a tripod or something level to place your camera on while shooting.

### 2. What about lighting and sound?

We are not expecting professional quality lighting or sound. Follow the basic guidelines in the tips and tricks video to ensure best results. Tips & Tricks - <http://sciencehappenshere.ca/school-contest/>

### 3. How big can my group be?

You can have as few as 2 and as many as 30. Participants must be students from kindergarten to grade twelve.

### 4. How long can the video be?

The video can be no more than 3 minutes in length.

### 5. What format must the video be in?

Video can be in any of the following formats mp4, h264, or mpeg.

### 6. Where do we send the video and by when?

**Post your video on YouTube.com** <http://www.youtube.com/channel/showusyourscience>. **Deadline for posting is 5:00pm January 15, 2010.** Be sure to tag your video Science Happens Here Show Us Your Science, school name, and town

### 7. What if we have more than 1 video entry from our school?

Science Alberta Foundation will only judge 1 entry per school. If you submit more than 1 video this could disqualify you from the contest. Schools need to determine how they will run the contest internally. Will all grades participate and will you hold an internal school contest to determine winning entry? Will only certain grades or subject classes compete for submission? Will you assemble a group that includes a variety of grades to represent the school?

### 8. We can't think of a myth to bust – help!

Use the 50 Myths to Bust sheet and worksheet to get your creativity flowing. Brainstorm with your class; hold a classroom or school contest to narrow down your options. Watch the MythBusters for ideas. Go to the library and research a local town myth to tackle.

### 9. Can only science classes participate?

Every class is welcome to participate. The purpose is to demonstrate that science is in everything. Myths might be mathematical, social or environmental, technology or trade based. Science is in every subject.

### 10. What materials can we use?

There are no limitations to materials that you can use. Please be sure that all activities and materials used follow school safety practices and guidelines.

### 11. Can students complete this contest on their own?

We strongly recommend that the exercise be conducted under school and teacher supervision and used as a classroom and school activity. We will accept student lead projects, but they must receive parent or guardian permission and their entry would count as the one entry allowance for their school.

### 12. Can we include written work with our video?

Your entry should be in video format only. You can incorporate sound, graphics, and text into your video.

### 13. What type of permission is needed for students to participate?

We recommend that you follow your standard school permission practices. **All participants on a school team must complete a permission form and forms must be sent to 260 3513 33<sup>rd</sup> Street NW, Calgary, Alberta T2L 2A6 prior to the video being posted on YouTube.** Permission form can be found <http://sciencehappenshere.ca/school-contest/>

### 14. Can we use popular music, photos or other?

Rule of thumb if it isn't yours or within a public domain, you can't use it without permission.