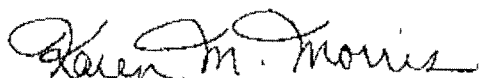


**NOTE:**  
**THESE NIRSEF SAFETY JUNIOR  
RESEARCH RULES APPLY TO  
STUDENTS IN  
GRADES 6 THROUGH 8.**

- I. Prior to experimentation, each student must evaluate his/her research proposal using the *Junior Projects Modified Checklist for Adult Sponsor Form (1)* (included). This form will help determine if any student's project requires NIRSEF Scientific Review Committee (SRC) approval. If approval is required, then that student must submit the appropriate NIRSEF Modified Junior Project documents and have them approved and signed **BEFORE** the investigation begins. The **completed and approved** forms must be brought to the Regional Fair with all other necessary documentation. These forms will soon be available at the NIRSEF website: [science.nd.edu/nirsef](http://science.nd.edu/nirsef). NOTE: Students whose projects require SRC review but who fail to gain approval for such experiments *prior to* experimentation may become ineligible for special awards and trips to the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair.
- II. *The NIRSEF committee is very concerned regarding the use of vertebrates in research and discourages Junior students from using vertebrate animals in their projects.*
- III. Team projects (up to 3 members per team) will be allowed and judged at the junior (grades 6 - 8) level. If students plan to participate in the Regional Fair as a team, please be certain that all team members register. Remember - all team members are responsible to ensure project safety.
- IV. Project Entry information for the 2009 NIRSEF will be completed on line beginning January 2009. All persons designated as science fair contacts will be contacted regarding the new on line registration system.
- V. The NIRSEF Committee is happy to help students, adult supervisor and teachers with projects and provide safety information. Please contact the Executive Director below if you feel you need additional project safety information or guidelines.



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