

[The Kids' Science Challenge](#) is a **free** nationwide competition for **3rd to 6th graders**, made possible by the National Science Foundation. Our website features curricula aligned to national standards, downloadable activities, videos with scientists and engineers demonstrating our activities, games and a forum for kids to ask our KSC scientists questions directly.

This year's science fields are:

Detective Science (forensics)

Bio-inspired Designs (biomimicry)

Imagining Sports on Mars (in cooperation with NASA/JPL)

Students submit ideas or problems in our science fields and if their idea is chosen, they get to visit and collaborate with the scientist to see their idea come alive. The first thousand students to enter the competition receive free hands-on activity kits. These kits include simulated Mars soil, fingerprint and density experiments, and the **UV sensitive beads** that were featured in the December issue of "Science and Children."

Kids can enter as individuals or teams. We had many team entries from afterschool groups last year from NSTA members. Competition rules and entry forms are all available online at <http://www.kidsciencechallenge.com>

**LATEST UPDATE!!**

We still have plenty of activity kits left.

**The deadline for entries is February 28th, 2010**

We still have a 14 classroom prizes left for teachers who submit 25 entries or more. Classroom prizes include microscopes, planetariums and science kits.

Regards;

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