

## BENEFITS OF HOLDING A LOCAL CONTEST

- A local contest can build excitement for the NHD program within your school as other students see the great work your students have done.
- Having a contest within your school helps students learn where improvements can be made.
- Students who present at a local competition, especially if a judges interview is included, will be less nervous when they compete in higher level contests.
- The local contest can validate students' hard work.
- Some regions place a limit on the number of entries each school can make. A local contest ensures that your school will be well represented.
- Each time a student presents his project, he will gain confidence.

## WHAT IT TAKES TO HOST A LOCAL CONTEST

- The local contest can be whatever you make it. It can be a miniature version of your regional contest, or it can simply be classroom presentations and displays.
- You will need someone to judge your projects. Parent volunteers, other teachers, your principal or counselor, or community members all make good judges.
- If students have done projects in many categories, you will need to arrange for a way to show websites, documentaries, and performances.
- If you wish to have students speak with the judges, you should establish a schedule.
- Have an awards ceremony. That will bring excitement for those moving on to the state competition.
- Remember to schedule your local contest early enough to meet regional contest registration deadlines.