

**APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION/  
OAK RIDGE NATIONAL LABORATORY  
OAK RIDGE ASSOCIATED UNIVERSITIES**

**2011 MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER SCIENCE CAMP**

**Criteria for Selecting Participants**

The Appalachian Regional Commission, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and Oak Ridge Associated Universities have established the following criteria for selecting participants for the Middle School Summer Science Camp. Appalachian states have the flexibility to add criteria, provided they do not conflict with those given below.

**MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS:**

- Student participants must be between 12 and 14 years old on July 17, 2011.
- All participants must be U.S. citizens. (Required to obtain necessary security clearance to enter ORNL facilities.)
- Student participants must attend a public school in a designated Appalachian county and plan to enroll in a public school in an Appalachian county for the 2011-2012 school year.
- Children of employees of Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Oak Ridge Associated Universities are not eligible to participate.

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

- Target Schools/Counties. States are encouraged to select participants from economically distressed counties and economically distressed areas.
- Schools Represented. Middle school students should be from the **same school**. States are encouraged to nominate two or three additional students from the same school as “alternates” in case one of the nominees is unable to attend or there are other openings.
- Participation in Other Programs. Students who have not had an opportunity to participate in previous Oak Ridge or similar math and science programs will be given priority.
- Family Income. ARC has not established income levels for participation. However, ARC requests that recruitment focus on those students whose families do not have the financial means to send them to such a program.
- Academic Requirements. ARC has not established academic requirements for participation. However, ARC requests that recruitment focus on “middle-tier” students – students who show potential in math and/or science, are not currently taking higher level classes, but may consider taking such classes with additional encouragement. Priority is given to students who would be first generation college-going. There is no minimum grade point average required for participation.

For further program information, please contact Jeffrey H. Schwartz, Ed. D., Education Program Manager, Appalachian Regional Commission, 1666 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20009-1068; telephone 202-884-7721; e-mail [jschwartz@arc.gov](mailto:jschwartz@arc.gov).

All applications are to be *submitted to the ARC State Program Manager* of the state where the participant’s school is located no later than **March 4, 2011**. Faxed copies of application materials are acceptable if all information is legible. Contact your State ARC Program Manager for the specific application procedures for your state.

A list of all ARC State Program Mangers, application forms, and further information will be available on the ARC web site (<http://www.arc.gov>) in January 2011.

*Program is dependent upon availability of funding.*