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Dear Conference Attendees, Parents, and Teachers,

We’re excited to have you be a part of this year’s Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) at Cornell University! This year marks our 29th year here at Cornell. Since its inception, EYH at Cornell has made every possible effort to provide the best program to as many girls as possible. We have been fortunate enough to have been well received by the community and the interest in our program continues to grow year after year. As registration for this year’s EYH approaches we wanted to take a moment to address a couple of items that may be of importance to you.

**Our Lottery Registration System.** The EYH registration lottery will be open on our website, www.eyh.cornell.edu, for one business week, March 7–11th 2016. The lottery will accept entries from both individual girls and from organized groups (ranging in size from 2–25 girls per group). If you are a group leader, please note that you will need several pieces of information about each girl in your group in order to complete your lottery entry. An electronic form containing the necessary information needed from the individual girls is available on our website. Lottery results will be emailed out on March 14th. Accepted participants have from March 14–18th to complete their registration and claim their spot. Beginning March 21st we will send out notifications to waitlisted girls as space becomes available. All payments are due by April 1st. Please factor in postage time if mailing a check in. A limited amount of scholarships are available for those who need them. More information is available on our website under Frequently Asked Questions and on the Registration page. If you still have questions about registration, you can contact the Registration Chairs by email at CornellEYHReg@gmail.com or by phone at (607) 216–8239, and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Please note this phone number is a new number and is specifically for registration related questions.

**Junior Scientist vs Senior Scientist Programs.** We offer two different workshop tracks for our conference attendees. In an effort to make the distinction more clear we have renamed these tracks as our Junior Scientist and Senior Scientist Programs. Our Junior Scientist Program consist of our traditional system where the girls attend three, 70-minute workshops throughout the day. The Senior Scientist Program is specifically designed for our 9th grade attendees who have started to take high school-level science courses. Senior Scientists will attend two extended 100 minute workshops. In addition, girls opting for this track will have the opportunity to participate in a demo fair and an additional activity where they will learn more about facilities and activities unique to Cornell. For example, in the past we have offered tours of the Cornell’s Spacecraft Planetary Imaging Facility (SPIF) and the Dairy Bar among several other activities. While 9th grade attendees do not need to opt for our Senior Scientist Program we hope they consider participating. It is our belief that this track offers them a unique opportunity in their last year of eligibility for our program.

**Adult Panel.** The ultimate goal of EYH at Cornell is to increase the number of girls that eventually pursue STEM careers. In order to accomplish this, we want to help provide parents and teachers with the necessary tools to foster their girls’ interest in STEM. The adult panel will bring together scientists, educators, and outreach specialists to discuss how to best support this interest in STEM. The adult panel will run concurrently with the keynote address. Given the importance of the panel we ask that all adult attendees attend the panel in lieu of the keynote speech. This year in order to increase the attendance at the adult panel, we will be raffling off items such as books, museum tours, and activity kits during the adult panel. These prizes are designed for the girls to have additional opportunities to learn more about STEM fields. In order to enter the drawing teachers and parents must attend the adult panel. We will ensure that you are able to meet up with your girls after the adult panel/keynote but before the start of the first workshop.
If you have any questions on the aforementioned items or other aspects of the conference, please don’t hesitate to contact us. As EYH at Cornell continues to grow and evolve, we remain committed to delivering a high caliber program and helping to inspire young girls to pursue careers in STEM fields. We are proud of the program we are able to put on every year, and we hope that you will continue to participate and support our program in the coming years. We look forward to seeing you on April 30th!

Sincerely,

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