



Expanding Your Horizons  
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Dear Conference Attendees, Parents, and Teachers,

We're excited about your interest at the 35<sup>th</sup> Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) at Cornell University! Since its inception, EYH at Cornell has made every possible effort to provide a spectacular program to as many students as possible. We have been fortunate enough to have been well received by the community, especially over the past two years. Now, we are ecstatic to be planning for a return to our on-campus event! While the core of EYH – our values, goals, enthusiasm, and commitment to programming – remain unchanged, the realities of our “new normal” dictate certain key changes which allow us to offer the best and safest conference possible.

***Our Lottery Registration System.*** The EYH registration lottery will be open on our website, [www.eyh.cornell.edu](http://www.eyh.cornell.edu), from February 21<sup>st</sup>–25<sup>th</sup> closing at 5pm EST. The lottery will accept entries from both individual participants and organized groups ranging in size from 2–25 students per group. If you are a group leader, please note that you will need several pieces of information about each student in your group in order to complete your lottery entry. An electronic form containing the necessary information is available on the “Registration” page of our website. Lottery results will be announced via email by February 28<sup>th</sup>. Accepted participants will have from February 28<sup>th</sup>–March 4<sup>th</sup> to complete their registration and claim their spot. Beginning March 7<sup>th</sup>, we will send invitations to waitlisted students as space becomes available. All payments and consent forms are due by March 25<sup>th</sup>. 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](mailto:CornellEYHReg@gmail.com) or by phone at (607) 252–6728.

***Cornell Buddies.*** All EYH participants must be accompanied by an adult throughout their time on campus. Some students choose to attend EYH with a parent, guardian, or other accompanying adult. For students who attend without an accompanying adult, we will provide a Cornell Buddy for the day. A Cornell Buddy is a woman-identifying undergraduate or graduate Cornell student who volunteers to spend the day with the participant, taking them to workshops and connecting with them throughout the conference.

***Junior Scientist vs. Senior Scientist Programs.*** We offer two different workshop tracks for our conference attendees – the Junior Scientist and Senior Scientist Programs. Students on the Junior Scientist track attend three 60-minute workshops throughout the day. The Senior Scientist Program is specifically designed for our 9<sup>th</sup> grade attendees who have started to take high school-level science courses. Senior Scientists will attend two extended 90-minute workshops, along with the additional opportunity to visit some of the world-class research facilities unique to Cornell, such as our concrete testing facility or the Cornell Dairy Bar. While 9<sup>th</sup> grade attendees are not required to opt for our Senior Scientist Program, we hope they consider participating: it is our belief that this track offers a unique opportunity in their last year of eligibility for the conference.



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**Adult Panel.** The ultimate goal of EYH at Cornell is to increase the access of diverse groups to STEM careers. In order to accomplish this, we recognize the importance of providing parents and teachers with the necessary tools to foster their students' interest in STEM. The adult panel brings together scientists, educators, and outreach specialists to discuss strategies to this end. The panel runs concurrently with the keynote address; given the importance of the panel we ask that all accompanying adults attend the panel in lieu of the keynote speech. As extra incentive, we offer a raffle for books, museum tours, activity kits, and other prizes designed for additional learning opportunities during the adult panel. Attendance at the adult panel is required in order to enter the drawing. We will ensure that you are able to meet up with your students at the first workshop.

**Covid-19 Precautions.** Offering a safe event for our attendees, volunteers, organizers, and surrounding community is of the utmost importance. All conference attendees and participants (students, parents, teachers, workshop leaders, EYH buddies, and volunteers, including those below the age of 12) will be required to present proof of complete vaccination or recent negative Covid test prior to entering the conference per Cornell's campus visitor policy (<https://covid.cornell.edu/events/>). Full details of acceptable vaccinations, tests, and documentation will be provided on our website. During EYH, masking with medical grade or NIOSH approved covering over the nose and mouth will be expected at all times except when actively eating or drinking. Cloth masks worn alone are not sufficient; approved masks will be supplied by EYH. Physical distancing will be implemented whenever possible, especially during lunch times and keynote / adult panel events. Many workshops will be held in open atrium spaces for increased air flow, and all workshops will adhere to current University guidelines for reduced room capacities. We continue to closely monitor the progression and evolution of Covid-19 throughout our community and will update our policies in line with University, county, state, and government guidelines.

If you have any questions about the above or other aspects of the conference, please don't hesitate to contact us. As EYH at Cornell continues to evolve, we remain committed to delivering a high caliber program and inspiring the next generation of scientists and engineers. 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 conference in the coming years. We look forward to seeing you on April 9<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

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