



## Convenient Volunteer Opportunity: Be a Science Buddies Ambassador!

FACT: Did you know that research demonstrates that hands-on science investigations are one of the best ways to teach scientific concepts?

### SCIENCE BUDDIES

Non-profit organization Science Buddies ([www.sciencebuddies.org](http://www.sciencebuddies.org)) is the premier online source of K-12 science project information for students, parents and teachers. Serving a diverse audience of more than 9 million K-12 students and teachers annually, the Science Buddies website is a Parents' Choice Recommended Award winner and is recommended by the American Library Association and the SciLinks program of the National Science Teachers Association. All resources are free, including:

- a large online library of 800+ **Project Ideas** (scientist-authored outlines that help students develop a challenging science fair project in any of 30 different fields of science and engineering)
- the **Ask an Expert** online advice forum where scientists and engineers give students project advice
- a step-by-step **Project Guide**
- a robust **Teacher Resources** area

### WHAT YOU CAN DO

Tell teachers and students in your community about our resources and tools. Your role is convenient and can be accomplished in just a couple of hours, but will go a long way toward helping us achieve our goal of making science projects accessible to students and teachers from all walks of life.

### HOW

Do any or all of the below activities:

1. If you have a My Space or Facebook page, join our Science Buddies cause (we'll provide instructions).
2. Print and distribute our flyer to your coworkers, especially those who have school-aged children.
3. If you have school-aged children yourself (or nephews, nieces, godchildren, etc.), give our flyer to their teachers and principals or send them an email (we'll provide a form letter that you can use, if you like).
4. Certainly you have friends who have children. Give them one of our flyers, tell them about us, or email them.
5. Add our link to your blog or webpage if you have one (we'll provide text and graphic).
6. If you know any science-savvy high school students, recruit them to volunteer in our Ask an Expert forum.
7. Tell colleagues, friends, and family members about Science Buddies.

### WHEN

On your own time, at your convenience. October through February is peak science fair season, so this is an especially good time to promote Science Buddies, but any time you squeeze these activities into your schedule will help!

### WHERE

Online, at your place of business, in your neighborhood—basically, the places you go every day.

### COMMITMENT

The length of your service is up to you. Just let us know you want to help. Then tell us which of the 7 suggested activities you did to help build awareness about Science Buddies. If you can help more, we can suggest other activities, too.

### TO SIGN UP or ASK QUESTIONS

Please email us at [scibuddy@sciencebuddies.org](mailto:scibuddy@sciencebuddies.org).