

May 11, 2018

Dear Administrators and Teachers:

The UNI Science Education Resource Center (SERC) is now taking science kit reservations for the 2018-2019 school year! We are including a reservation form for the entire year, with general dates for the trimester/semester check out. Please complete the form for the entire year and return it by June 5th. Although we will try to accommodate all requests as they come in throughout the year, forms received by June 5th will have top priority. Please share this form with other teachers that are interested in using a kit.

Similarly to last year, all the Pre-Next Generation and 2nd Edition (NGSS) (Original) Grades K-8 FOSS and Non-FOSS science kits will be checked out on a semester basis, as will the Next Generation Grades K-2 FOSS science kits. A list of Elementary Non-FOSS kits available can be found by clicking here <https://www.science-ed.uni.edu/pre-ngss-original-grades-k-6-all-kits-are-100>. A list of all Non-Foss Middle School kits available can be found by clicking here <https://www.science-ed.uni.edu/middle-school-kits-available-list>. The list of the FOSS kits are included with this letter. Additionally, the Next Generation and 2nd Edition (NGSS) Grades 6-8 FOSS science kits will continue to be checked out on a trimester basis. **However, based on teacher feedback, the NGSS FOSS kits for Grades 3-5 will be offered on a semester basis for the 2018-2019 school year. Please note that last year, NGSS FOSS kits for Grades 3-5 were trimester kits.** The scheduled checkout dates are:

Check Out Dates for 2018-2019 School Year

Pre-NGSS (Original) Science Kits

First Semester: August 31st to December 7th

Second Semester: January 25th to May 24th

NGSS Grades K-5 FOSS Science Kits

First Semester: August 31st to December 7th

Second Semester: January 25th to May 24th

NGSS Grades 6-8 FOSS Science Kits

First Trimester: August 24th to November 2nd

Second Trimester: November 20th to February 15th

Third Trimester: March 19th to May 28th

The rental fee for ALL the new (NGSS and 2nd Ed.) FOSS kits will remain \$100 per kit for each check out period regardless of the grade level or time used. The rental fee for all the original FOSS kits, as well as the Science, Technology and Children (STC), Insights, Delta Science Modules (DSM) and Great Explorations in Math and Science (GEMS) kits **will now be \$50**.

Some of the science kits utilize live organisms to carry out the kit investigations. The SERC does not raise these organisms ourselves. We will provide you with a live organism card which contain code(s) that enable you to directly order and receive the live organism(s). Any kit that utilizes live organisms costs much more to maintain than the other science kits. Therefore, the organism cards are NOT included in the kit UNLESS you request them when you reserve your kit and chose to pay the additional required fee. Fees range from \$50-\$150 and are listed at the end of this letter. Please note that even with the card, you will need to order the organisms as soon as the kit arrives and that shipping may be delayed due to weather.

To reserve your kit, please fill out one reservation sheet (Attached) for each individual teacher. Please do not use any Google Documents. Teachers can submit their own form or a single person per building (principal, curriculum director, etc.) can submit all forms for a building. When filling out the form, be sure to complete

all teacher and kit information. Please indicate a second and third choice in the appropriate areas as some kits are limited due to popular demand.

On **June 5th** we will start charting the requests for science kits and begin getting back to each teacher with his/her reservation list for the next year. We hope to have everyone contacted by the end of June, with a confirmation email identifying which kits you will be receiving for the 2018-2019 school year. If we do not receive a response email from you, we will assume that you agree with the reservation selections. **Beginning this academic year, we will be making two changes in our reservation and checkout procedures. First, you will have until August 1st to change your reservation without penalty.** Sorry about this, but we have had too many kits sent back because they were no longer wanted or the teacher who reserved them moved schools, essentially preventing another teacher from using the kit. **Second, a late fee will now be charged if the kit isn't returned within two weeks of the due date** (without prior arrangement) Kits returned late negatively impact other teachers who check out them out and the undergraduate students who work in the SERC.

Please email the completed reservation forms to: SERC@uni.edu (Although Dr. Larry Escalada is the Science Education Chair and Dr. Alison Beharka is the SERC Supervisor, please do NOT send your reservations to either of them. Also, **PLEASE DO NOT** just reply to the email we have sent, as it is likely to get lost.

Sincerely,

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Final Reminders:

Don't forget to indicate your first AND second choice and a third if possible, for each time period.

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