



The Eighteenth Annual **BRIMS** Regional  
**BRIDGE BUILDING CHAMPIONSHIPS**

March 2, 2013

at WKU Center for Research & Development Commons Area

BRIMS invites you to be a part of the eighteenth annual **BRIMS Regional Bridge Building Championships**. Through the sponsorship of *WKU Dept. of Physics & Astronomy*, *WKU SKyTeach*, *WKU Hardin Planetarium* and the *WKU Dept. of Architectural & Manufacturing Sciences* we are proud to once again provide one of the best regional contests in the nation. The contest will be held on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at WKU Center for Research & Development Commons Area, 2413 Nashville Rd, Bowling Green, KY. This is the old Bowling Green Mall.

As the official regional affiliation for the International Bridge Building Contest, our top two finishers in the high school division will qualify for the International competition in Chicago, in May. The top **ten** finishers in each division of the Regional competition will receive trophies for their efforts. In addition, the top **two** schools in each division with the highest combined score for their top five finishers will receive a beautiful plaque. In addition, awards will be given for Architectural Design. A panel of four judges will judge the bridges on architectural elegance and innovative and ingenious form. Bridges must be within specifications of the Bridge Building Contest rules. Two awards will be given in each division.

This year's rules for both the Middle School Division and the High School Division may be found on-line at <http://brimsbridgebuildingcontest.wikispaces.com/> ***Please note that the rules for the Middle School Division are not the same as those for the High School Division. Specifications are always different from last year.*** 'Tip Sheets' prepared by Greg Mills to clarify the rules and give bridge design and construction tips are also available at the same location on-line. Please note that ***each bridge must be designed and built by individual students – no 'group' or 'team' bridges are allowed.*** A schedule for March 1 & 2 and bridge kit ordering information is included on the back of this page.

Feel free to call the contacts below if you need information about bridge kits or if you have questions concerning the rules or competition. If you are new to the competition, Greg will be glad to schedule a visit to your classroom to introduce and explain the contest.

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