

## Section Outreach Activities

The Ohio-Region Section and its members are actively engaged in providing experiences and opportunities for youth to explore fields of STEM and sponsor various aspects of these activities.

The Section sponsors awards for the annual Columbus, Ohio, Science Day Program at which the Section's members engage in judging for these awards as well as general judging duties.

The Section is one of the sponsors of a unique program called TechFest, which began in 2003 and takes place on Presidents' weekend in Dayton, Ohio. This program organizes local professional scientists, engineers, technologists and others active in the STEM fields to provide 70 or more hands-on, interactive exhibits for youth and their families to explore and discover the opportunities in the STEM fields. In addition, the program includes a variety of youth-oriented presentations over the two days of the weekend program plus a teacher's workshop. The whole program is free and open to the public and is held at the Sinclair Community College in Dayton, which is a partner in support of the program. Pages selected from the TechFest 2009 report are given here. Additional information can be found at [www.ascd Dayton.org](http://www.ascd Dayton.org).

