

Oral Presentation Template
2026 SSEP National Conference
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Guidance: Please use this template to submit your team's oral presentation description. It needs to be submitted to John Hamel via email no later than **5:00 pm ET, Monday, June 1, 2026**. Submission earlier than the deadline would be greatly appreciated.

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SAMPLE ORAL PRESENTATION DESCRIPTION

Oral 1: Burleson Independent School District

School and/or District: Nick Kerr Middle School, Burleson ISD

Grade levels of Team: 7

Title: Can a Cotton Ball Instead of Soil Germinate a Lavender Seed in Microgravity?

Type of Experiment: Flight Experiment, Mission 17 to ISS

Co-Principal Investigators: Abigail Bain, Jack Crow, Lyla Meeks, Addison White

Teacher Facilitator: Terry Briggs

Abstract: This investigation will explore how lavender seeds germinate in microgravity without using soil. An alternative growing method is needed to reduce the total mass of the growing process because more mass equals more financial resources used during space exploration. The investigation is beneficial because quality plant growth during space exploration will provide a viable natural health source in the future. Additionally, in the world of privatized space travel, cost will be sufficiently higher based on fuel expenses.

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Oral 1. [insert community name designated by SSEP]

School and/or District: [insert]

Grade levels of Team: [insert]

Title: [insert]

Type of Experiment: [e.g., Flight Experiment or Finalist Experiment, Mission 20 or 21 to ISS]

Principal Investigator or Co-Principal Investigators: [insert names]

Co-Investigators: [insert names]

Collaborators: [insert names]

Teacher Facilitator: [insert name]

Abstract: [insert] **NOTE: THERE IS A STRICT 80 WORD LIMIT ON THE ABSTRACT**