

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2006 PROJECT SUMMARY

Name(s) **Project Number Omar Espinoza** J1809 **Project Title Demolishing Bridges** Abstract **Objectives/Goals** The objective is to see whether the Pratt truss will hold more weight then the Warren design. Methods/Materials I used 3/16 wooden dowels, cut them into lengths of 2 inches, 27/8 inches and 4inches. I also used Elmer's carpenter's wood glue and used pliers to cut the wood. Once i was done I had a three dimensional bridge with two sides braced together. **Results** My results were simple. I only did one test. The Pratt design held 65 pounds, the Warren design held 33 pounds. **Conclusions/Discussion** I studied two types of bridges, the Warren design and the Pratt design. I built both of them to see how much weight they could hold. I put the weight on the middle of the trusses. The Pratt design held more weight than the Warren design. **Summary Statement** I tested the Pratt and the Warren design trusses to see which would hold the most weight. Help Received Santigo Espinoza Jr.