



DR. NELSON YING TRI REGION SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

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Dear Parents and Sponsors:

The Science Fair Committee put together this list of “reminders and suggestions” to help people in their final preparations for Science Fair Weekend.

Do’s and Don’ts



- ✓ DO make sure photo credits are listed on your poster with every picture, even if you took them yourself. (If there is only one photographer, the credits can be done with a single notice.)

- ✓ DO have references for any pictures, graphics or information that was taken from the web. Please remember, www.google.com is NOT a sufficient citation!

- ✓ Do NOT bring any live animals *or any animal tissues*, including teeth and fruit flies! Any bacterial plates must be taped shut.



- ✓ Do NOT bring living plants. If you have leaf samples or seeds, they must be sealed so they cannot be opened (sealed petri dishes, taped ziploc bags).



- ✓ DO bring your:
 - Abstract (bring 10-15 copies for judges to take as reference)
 - Original data (Note: Your research notebook is irreplaceable, so if you want to protect and save your data, scan/copy it and store those records back home!)
 - Your report *with all library references, web references, and photo references* – for students new to the research process, that means “include your bibliography”
 - Plenty of photos of your plant and animal projects

- ✓ Do NOT list names of mentors or universities in your materials, including any expression of thanks. If you wish to thank mentors, parents or an institution, be general. A good example: *I wish to thank my parents and my mentor for the help provided. I also wish to thank the institutions which provided laboratory workspace, library, and computer facilities.*

- ✓ Wear comfortable shoes during judging. If you want to be dressed up for the Awards Ceremony, just keep dress shoes with your things under the table at the Exhibit Hall.



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- ✓ Never leave valuables at your display. Laptops, cell phones, wallets, purses, irreplaceable but easily taken display pieces ... keep these with you at all times.



- ✓ Bring QUIET entertainment for relaxing between judge interviews. But leave the headphones in the car or bus, please – judges do not want to struggle to get your attention.

And these are some “extra options” you should know about:

OPTIONAL Boxed Lunches on Sunday

Cost: \$5.95 and includes sandwich, fruit, cookie and drink / anyone may order

When: From 11:00-noon at Whitney (across the sidewalk from the Exhibit Hall in Gordon)

How: We will have Whitney open from 11:00 to noon for the students to wait with supervision. As they eat meals they brought or purchased, they may chat with other students, or play the board games we have available.

To order: Email trsef@verizon.net or phone 315-468-1025 and say how many lunches you want – deadline Thursday afternoon. Payment collected Saturday at registration.

Note: The Committee provides free snacks during judging (water, apples, granola bars).

- 👍 The MOST* (our local science museum) will set up a Science Fest Store of science-related gifts for the students – all sales benefit the science museum.
- 👍 We will have additional snacks and soft drinks for sale throughout the weekend. Each item will be one dollar (\$1) – all sales go into our **Fair Weekend Challenge Grant Kickoff**, to be matched dollar for dollar by Dr. Ying!
- 👍 We will have a 50:50 raffle so our Committee can purchase a projector to use as we travel around our 30,000 square miles of territory. Again, all profits go into our **Fair Weekend Challenge Grant Kickoff**, to be matched dollar for dollar by Dr. Ying!

We look forward to meeting you next weekend. Please contact us if you have *any* questions about Science Fair weekend, or how to prepare for it.

Sincerely,

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