

TRSEF Timeline – Annotated version online at
<http://www.trsef.org/media/>

THE CONCEPT – Make a regional fair available to ALL NYS students

- GSSSF offers workshop about “orphaned counties”
- Partnership formed to promote creation of a new ISEF-affiliated regional fair serving NNY, WNY and Southern Tier
- Wood attends 2004 and 2005 ISEF for ideas, guidance and networking

2006 Cycle - SUNY ESF

- SUNY ESF's Outreach Office sponsors ESF SEF – trial year in partnership with GSSSF
- ISEF affiliation begins – offers 3 yrs to reach 5 schools or 50 Sr Level students
- 3 schools / 12 students attend
- 2 individual Finalists to ISEF

2007 Cycle - TRSEF #1

- SUNY ESF withdraws due to staffing and budget constraints
- Private funding secured; partnership continues with GSSSF
- TRSEF secures 501(c)3 status as a nonprofit association
- 7 schools / 15 students attend
- 2 individual Finalists to ISEF

2008 Cycle – Major hurdles overcome

- Funding secured for 2008; corporate offices deny sponsor permission for precollegiate partnerships
- WPBS Watertown does science fair talk show with TRSEF
- Northern NY Community Foundation opens door to support with 3-yr development grant

2009 Cycle – TRSEF #2

- TRSEF submits 14 grant and sponsorship proposals; receives six
- Family Science Adventure workshop presented 6 times
- First professional development workshop / Syracuse CSD
- 6 schools / 60+ students (2 schools withdraw due to budget issues)
- 2 individual Finalists to ISEF

2010 Cycle – Door to the future!

- Dr. Ying offers \$7500 challenge grant, becomes naming sponsor
- NNY grant funds development of first mentor center; template to be developed for all-county duplication
- Grant writer joins TRSEF team
- Goal – 10 schools / 100 stud'ts; add Ying Scholars + Rube Goldberg