

Good morning teachers, administrators, parents, and science & engineering fair enthusiasts,

It's hard to believe that NEIRSEF is only three weeks away! I hope your school Fairs are going well and look forward to seeing what brilliant things your students have learned this year.

There are a couple of changes to this year's fair registration of which you should be aware. Instead of mailing a check to the ETCS office, you will need to pay for the projects through the Office of Continuing Studies. Please note that you will still need to register the project through the <http://www.sefireg.org> link, but payment will go through

<https://www.enrole.com/ipfw/jsp/session.jsp?sessionId=18SCON385&courseId=CON385&categoryId=10005>

The other change is in registering alternates for the fair. I will be the first to admit that our technology has not caught up to this change quite yet. Here is the new protocol for advancing an alternate for consideration for open spots:

- 1) Register your allotted students and alternates at <http://www.sefireg.org> by 5pm Friday, February 16.
- 2) Send an email directly to me ([perkingsm@ipfw.edu](mailto:perkingsm@ipfw.edu)) indicating which of the projects you registered is an alternate.
- 3) I will review registrations and notify schools by Wednesday, February 21 at 9:00am.
- 4) Schools will go to the Continuing Studies link and pay for all projects accepted to the Fair. This payment for registration is due by Friday, February 23 at 5pm.

I understand that some school fairs will actually be happening after February 16. This will make it harder to advance an alternate, but I will do what I can. If you have not already communicated with me in regards to a school fair after February 16, please do so immediately so I can prepare my project reviewer for the influx.

I will send another email this weekend with details on how to register (what to complete) on the <http://www.sefireg.org> web site. You can always find this information on the Fair website <http://www.neirsef.org> if you do not want to wait.

Looking forward to a great day of science and engineering,

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