



**Dear Fair Participant and Parent:**

Congratulations on advancing to the 53<sup>rd</sup> Northeast Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair! We welcome you to IPFW and hope that your judging experience is a positive educational experience.

During the course of the morning, we would like to bring your attention to the following items:

- **Display Rules:** At each display location there will be a Display Inspection List, Media Release and several other items. Follow the directions on the Display List and a Display Inspector will visit each student project at some point between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. to check the display and collect the card. Please review the enclosed Display Rules which is also available in the handbook or on the website at [www.ipfw.edu/scifair/DisplayRules.htm](http://www.ipfw.edu/scifair/DisplayRules.htm).
- **Judging:** During the course of the judging from 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. students will remain at their display and parents may sit in the Gates bleachers waiting for their student(s) to complete the judging process. Once a grade level is completed, an announcement will be made releasing the students for that grade level. Please note that during the judging each project will be visited by at least one panel of judges. Some displays may be visited by more than one set of judges as certain projects are eligible for Special Awards sponsored by local organizations. For example, a project that focuses on Environmental Science may be visited by a specific judge who will be awarding a Special Award in that category. Therefore, ***it is important that students are aware that projects visited by only one panel of judges are not necessarily less important or of lesser value than projects visited by multiple judges. Also, projects visited by multiple judges are not guaranteed an award.***
- **Score sheets:** Score sheets are kept confidential and not given out to the students.
- **Young Children at Displays:** Because children may sit for a lengthy period of time at their display, it is acceptable for them to read a book, draw, and talk to friends to help the time pass while they wait for their judges to arrive and for their grade level to be released.
- **NEW Schedule:** Please see the attached schedule and the new time to arrive at Gates for display set-up. The award ceremonies are also listed on the schedule.
- **Food:** The Gates Concessions will be open in the morning.

The fair website [www.ipfw.edu/scifair/](http://www.ipfw.edu/scifair/) includes a link to *Fair Date Details*, adding updates as needed.

On behalf of the entire IPFW NEIRSEF Committee, I would like to thank you for participating in the Regional Fair and wish each of your students the best of luck!

Best Regards,

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