



Dear Fair Participant and Parent:

Congratulations on advancing to the 54th Northeast Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair! We welcome you to IPFW and hope that you have a positive educational experience. During the course of the morning, we would like to bring your attention to the following items:

- **Be Aware! Display Rule Violations Require Display Alterations:** Each year, there are projects that do not follow the Regional Display Rules and may result in a student or parent being asked to remove an item or alter the display to comply with rules. **PLEASE help us avoid situations that are distressful for your student by reviewing the enclosed Display Rules or viewing them at the Regional Fair website: www.ipfw.edu/scifair/DisplayRules.htm** Regional Display Rules are established in compliance with the International Science and Engineering Fair and are also designed to protect ALL student projects, prevent accidents (ex. spilling water or drinks), and discourage visitors from exploring potentially harmful or loose, unsecured items which could be removed from the display or could cause choking, spilling, or other accidents during public viewing when displays are unsupervised.
- **Display Inspections:** A Display Inspection List, Media Consent and Release and other items will be at the student's display location. The Display List has directions for parents so you can be prepared when the Display Inspector visits and checks your student's display between 7:30 and 9:00 a.m. The Inspector will collect the display card and your media form.
- **Judging:** Students remain at their display during the judging from 9 a.m.–noon and parents may sit in the Gates bleachers to wait for completion of the judging process. During the judging, each project will be visited by at least one judge or judge panel. Some displays may be visited more often 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 both the grade level judge(s) and a judge representing that Special Award category. ***It is important that students are aware that projects visited by only one panel of judges are not less important than projects visited by multiple judges. Also, projects visited by multiple judges are not guaranteed an award.*** Judges will attempt to visit student displays in an efficient, yet thorough manner, in order to ensure fair judging and reduce the time students must stay at their displays. Once a grade level judging is complete, an announcement will “release” students in that grade.
- **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 pass the time.
- **Schedule:** The enclosed schedule includes display set-up, inspection, and award ceremonies.
- **Food:** The Gates Concessions will be open in the morning.

The fair website 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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