

Northeast Indiana Regional Science & Engineering Fair News Update

November 2013

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ANNUAL TEACHER REGISTRATION

Act Now to receive ongoing information about the Regional and State Fair!

Schools that plan to participate in the Regional Fair in the spring must have at least one (or more) designated teacher register with the Science Education Foundation of Indiana (SEFI) as soon as possible. SEFI is the organization that oversees all regional fairs and handles the regional fair registration process. Teachers register their contact information at the SEFI website www.sefireg.org

Teachers who registered last year simply need to **re-activate** their registration at the SEFI website www.sefireg.org under *Teacher Login* using the password assigned last year. If you forgot your password, click on *Forget Your Password?* If your email address has changed, please email Caryl at spirac@ipfw.edu with your new email address so SEFI can update your account to reactivate.

Email Updates about the NE Indiana Regional Fair including reminders about deadlines, detailed procedures, and other announcements will be sent to registered teachers throughout the school year! Teacher Registration does not obligate a school to participate however it does provide you with timely information in case you choose to advance students to the regional event.

ELEMENTARY DIVISION NEWS (grades K-5)

Elementary schools (K-5) may enter up to 5 projects in the regional fair. Your school fair must be completed prior to the regional fair registration deadline of March 7. Elementary students will need to choose a Project Category for fair registration. New this year is a *Group Project Wizard* link to register team projects. Team projects with members in multi-grades will be judged at the higher grade level.

JUNIOR DIVISION NEWS (grades 6-8)

NEW THIS YEAR! It's never been easier!

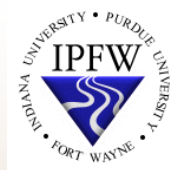
Junior division students who advance to the regional fair or who must have their project research plan reviewed by the regional SRC (scientific review committee) before they experiment* should enter their project information online through the SEFI website. This information can be saved and printed for the teacher's or student's use if needed. The project information is also accessible to the regional fair for review. Details on how the teacher can notify the Regional Fair of student projects waiting to be reviewed on the SEFI website will be sent in future email updates to all registered teachers. Junior division students are eligible for multiple regional awards including advancement to the Hoosier State Science and Engineering Fair on April 5.

**projects involving animals, human participants*

SENIOR DIVISION NEWS (grades 9-12)

Students can win multiple cash prizes, scholarships, national award certificates, plus advancement opportunities to the Hoosier State Fair and the International Fair where there are additional awards and scholarship prizes. The Science & Engineering Fair is a highly credible program recognized by admissions counselors all over the country. We hope you will encourage many of your students to participate. **Please note that your high school does not have to hold a fair for your students to participate at the regional fair.** We would be glad to advise and guide high school students and teachers on following regional fair procedures.

Important Dates



Regional Fair Info Session

For interested grades 6-12 students,
parents, and/or teachers

Thursday, November 14, 2013

4:30-5:30 PM

IPFW Walb Student Union, Rm. 114

Grades 6-12th Pre-Experimentation Review

Deadline (refer to the IPFW Fair website

www.ipfw.edu/scifair for details)

Wednesday, January 29, 2014 at 5:00 PM

All Grades: Student Regional Fair Registration

Deadline (for all students selected to advance)

Friday, March 7, 2014 at 5:00 PM

NORTHEAST INDIANA REGIONAL SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING FAIR

Date: 3/22/2014

**Location: IPFW Athletics Center
Fieldhouse**

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