

Educator Commonly Asked Questions about the NE IN Regional Fair

Q: When is the Regional fair and who can participate?

The Northeast Indiana Regional Fair is Saturday, March 22, 2014 at IPFW Athletics Center Fieldhouse. The fair is open to K-12 students in public, private, parochial, and home schools in an eight county area.

Q: How many regional fair entries can a school have?

(K-5) Elementary schools: 5 entries

(K-6) schools: 5 entries for grade K-5 and 2 entries for grade 6

Middle schools (Junior division grades 6-8): 5 entries

High Schools (Senior division grades 9-12): 15 entries

Team projects (up to 3 members) are counted as one entry

Q: How much does it cost to enter the fair?

There is a \$10 entry fee for each project. A team project counts as one project.

Q: Where do we send the registration fee?

Please indicate your school and the names of the registrants on your payment. Check or money order made payable to IPFW (cash cannot be accepted). Mail payment before March 14th deadline to: IPFW, Science Fair Program Asst. 2101 E. Coliseum Blvd. ET 243, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Q: Are 6th graders that go to an elementary school still considered in junior division?

Yes, all 6th grade projects need to follow the eligibility procedures for junior division. In a K-6 school, two 6th grade projects may attend the regional fair.

Q: Who is the Science Education Foundation of Indiana (SEFI)

SEFI is the state organization under which all Indiana Regional Science & Engineering Fairs operate. SEFI provides the funding for the Hoosier State Fair and the Finalists that advance to attend the International Science and Engineering Fair. SEFI also hosts statewide teacher and project registration for all regional fairs on their website.

Q: Where does a teacher register themselves to get information for the fair?

All teachers go to the Science Education Foundation of Indiana (SEFI) website www.sefireg.org to enter their contact and school information which is used for fair communication, to register K-12 students for the regional fair, and for grade 6-12 to enter their project information and obtain the correct forms. If you are new to SEFI, a password will be emailed to you after you complete the Teacher Registration process. If you had registered through the SEFI website last year, please re-activate your account using the same email and password. Call Caryl at 260-481-5756 if you need assistance.

Q: What grades may advance beyond the regional fair?

Up to 10-Junior and 10-Senior division projects may be chosen to advance to the Hoosier Science and Engineering Fair (HSEF) from the Regional Fair. Senior Division students are eligible to advance from the Hoosier Fair to the International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

Q: How can we make sure a project in grades 6-12 is eligible for the regional fair?

Most projects done in school are eligible but projects that involve human participants, or animals, or potentially hazardous biological agents (such as bacteria, tissue, body fluid, and yeasts) need to be reviewed by the Scientific Review Committee (SRC) at IPFW before the experiment is started, to make sure the proper method and procedures are followed for every one's safety. This step is called Pre-Experimentation Review. NOTE: According to SEFI guidelines, students in grades 1-8 should not be doing bacterial studies of any kind and should not be using hazardous chemicals, devices, and/or activities. Procedures for submitting project information to IPFW for review can be found on the NEIRSEF website www.ipfw.edu/scifair