

Update: January 17, 2013

Hello Veteran and New Science & Engineering Fair Teachers:

As we anticipate the science and engineering fair "season", you can expect periodic updates like this from either my assistant Caryl Spira or myself.

In this update:

- 1) Regional Fair Date and new registration dates (note: elementary students are registered a week earlier than usual)
- 2) Upcoming DEADLINES for junior and senior division pre-experimentation review paperwork
- 3) New SEFI (Science Education Foundation of Indiana) registration website for your teacher and student registrations and other information
- 4) NE Indiana Regional website: still VERY important in getting Regional Fair information and some forms

1) Regional Fair Date and Registration Date:

Northeast Indiana Regional Science and Engineering Fair (NEIRSEF): March 23, 2013

Deadline for Registration FOR ALL DIVISIONS: March 8, 2013

No late registrations will be accepted this year due to the need for review of junior/senior division paperwork and for Regional Fair preparations.

See Regional Fair website for the allowable number of projects that can advance from your school, the cost of project registration, display rules, judging criteria, and other procedures. www.ipfw.edu/scifair

2) Upcoming Deadlines for Junior and Senior Division (not elementary division): January 30, 2013 for projects requiring Pre-Experimentation Review by the Regional Fair SRC

If you have any students doing projects in the categories listed below, they are REQUIRED to submit their junior division approval form and research plan or, for senior division, their ISEF paperwork, prior to their experiment for review by the Regional Fair Scientific Review Committee (SRC).

The 3 categories for junior division that require pre-experimentation review of the approval form (found on the NEIRSEF website under FORMS) and research plan are listed below. All experiments in these categories MUST be done with adult supervision.

- a. ANY type of study/experiments involving animals (no matter how simple or safe they may seem)
- b. ANY type of study/experiments involving one or more human participants. (no matter how simple or safe they may seem). EXAMPLES: These include things like: surveys or questionnaires of people, asking people to do things that the researcher will observe (like exercise, physical experiments, social experiments, tasting experiments, etc.) These examples are not exhaustive so if in question contact either Caryl Spira or the Fair director, Carol Dostal (our contact info. is below)
- c. Bacterial studies: these projects can only be done at a school using approved bacterial cultures in a setting with BSL-1 conditions under adult (teacher) supervision. BSL-1 school settings mostly exist on the high school or university

level; very difficult to find these on the middle school level. Please contact us for questions about these types of projects.

Senior division level students include the above type of projects plus they have a more detailed list of experiments needing pre-review and so teachers with students at this level should contact the regional fair for guidance. Contact Caryl Spira who is the Regional Fair Program Assistant in charge of collecting Fair paperwork and coordinating the review process between the SRC and schools: spirac@ipfw.edu or contact the Fair Director listed below for other concerns.

DIRECTIONS FOR WHAT TO SUBMIT AND HOW TO SUBMIT FOR PRE-EXPERIMENTATION REVIEW: GO TO THE NEIRSEF WEBSITE AT:

<http://www.ipfw.edu/scifair/OnlineEligibilityForm.htm>

3) **New SEFI website:** <http://www.sefireg.org/>

To register as a teacher affiliated with the regional fair who wants to receive ongoing information and/or a teacher or school fair coordinator who will need to access the student registration process for the Regional Fair, you will need to go to the SEFI registration link and follow their procedures. You must start by registering yourself.

For help with this process contact the Regional Fair program assistant or for questions about Regional Fair project eligibility, junior or senior projects that may/may not be allowed, or judging questions contact the Regional Fair director

4) NEIRSEF website for other Regional Fair information and junior division forms is still important:

www.ipfw.edu/scifair

Please don't hesitate to contact either of us for assistance.

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